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I am very fraternally,  
Larkin White Hazebrook U.S.  
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NO. I.

## ALPHA TAU OMEGA.

REV. J. C. SMITH, MICH. BETA KAPPA.

(Congress poem, read by Milo H. Massey, Ga. Alpha Zeta.)

When direful, dreaded, fateful war,  
    With all its wild alarms,  
From calm, secluded college halls  
    Called students forth to arms,  
When from the North and from the South,  
    Those heroes brave and true  
Marched in response to duty's call  
    To don the grey or blue,  
When from the friends of student days  
    The parting good-bye came,  
Then loving hearts and loyal hands  
    Were thrilled by Friendship's flame.  
Then did those three whose names we love—  
    Our Glazebrook, Marshall, Ross—  
That Grecian standard first upraise  
    Which bears the Maltese Cross.  
Fraternal Friendship fired their hearts  
    With Virtue's fervid glow;  
And Truth and Love inspired their minds  
    To found our A. T. O.  
For Friendship's blessings cheered their lives  
    Through weary days of war;  
And Love's sweet healing blessed the homes  
    Which cruel hate did mar.  
But years have passed; the war has ceased;  
    That bitter fight is o'er;  
And fertile North and sunny South  
    Contend in arms no more.  
No more the homes made desolate;  
    No more the records tell  
Of husbands, fathers, brothers, friends  
    Who fought and fighting fell.



That little band of loyal hearts  
Has grown to thousands strong,  
Who battle bravely for the right  
And fight against the wrong.  
True Friendship, born 'mid scenes of war,  
That bound those hearts as one,  
Has in these days helped Alpha Taus  
To duties nobly done.  
In counting room or college hall,  
Where'er the Greeks may be,  
The principles of Alpha Tau  
Wrought out in life, we see.  
And college students, nobler grown  
In study or in play,  
Have learned from Virtue, Truth, and Love  
The grander, better way.  
While lawyers, doctors, business men,  
And servants of the Cross  
Deem it their glory and their pride  
To stand as Alpha Taus.  
All honor then to those brave three  
Who met in days gone by  
To found our loved fraternity,  
And raise its standard high!  
All honor to those faithful hearts,  
The leal, the tried, the true!  
May we who reap what they have sown  
Still yield to them their due!  
May we who grasp that treasure rare  
Still guard against its loss,  
And keep unmarred by envious hands  
The matchless Maltese Cross!  
Unworthy sons of worthy sires,  
May it be never said  
That we've been traitors to the trust  
Bequeathed us by our dead!  
But as the days and years go on  
With all their chequered change,  
May we behold true friendship spread  
In loftier, wider range!  
May it be ours to carry on  
The work so well begun,

Till A. T. O. may well rejoice  
    In each true-hearted son!  
May Friendship, Virtue, Love and Truth  
    Unite our loyal band,  
And keep our loved fraternity  
    The foremost in the land!  
O, noble sons of Alpha Tau,  
    A glorious work is yours!  
Toil on; the true, unselfish aim  
    A rich reward ensures.  
What matter though the world be cursed  
    By selfishness supreme?  
What matter though the true ideals  
    Seem but an idle dream?  
Be yours the hand outstretched to aid  
    A brother in the strife;  
Be yours the joy to dare and do  
    In the nobler, better life.  
Be loyal men, be faithful men,  
    Firm, steadfast, brave, and true;  
Live for the right, despise the wrong  
    In everything you do.  
Sell not your manhood for renown;  
    Your principles, for gold;  
Your peace of mind and joy of heart,  
    Prize more than wealth untold.  
The gladsome dreams of youthful days.  
    Still cherish while you may;  
Fling not the hopes of college life  
    With careless hand away.  
If men are false, and harsh, and weak  
    Be true, be kind, be strong;  
A loyal Greek is not the man  
    Who yields his life to wrong.  
Be worthy sons of Alpha Tau,  
    Despite the gain or loss;  
And crown the truest manhood  
    With the regal Maltese Cross.

## THE IDEAL AMERICAN.

(FRANK L. YOUNG, N. Y. BETA THETA.)

### BROTHERS OF THE ALPHA TAU OMEGA FRATERNITY:

The thought that we are a convention of Greeks causes a strange fancy to possess me this morning. My mind leaps back nearly twenty-five hundred years to a scene where apprehension and anxiety were everywhere apparent. I remember the gathering of Grecian polemarchs, whose whole army was a comparative handful, assembled to discuss the probable issue of the impending warfare, dreading the fury of the barbarian hordes, and solicitous for the future of Grecian liberty and all that it meant to home and kindred. I remember the determination expressed in that council. I remember the vigorous patriotism of its advisers; I remember that Greece accepted the Persian challenge, and that the Greek patriots overthrew the Persian hirelings. At Marathon, Greek hearts won a decisive victory for the world, and they won it, so history records, because they loved home and fatherland to a degree which made death on the battlefield in their defense a mark of undying glory and a badge of shining renown. As Pericles said in his oration for the dead at Athens: "Their glory is left behind them, to be everlastingly recorded on every occasion for doing so, either by word or deed, that may from time to time present itself. For of illustrious men the whole earth is the sepulcher; and not only do the inscriptions upon columns in their own land point it out, but in that also which is not their own there dwells with every one an unwritten memorial of the heart rather than of a material monument."

We, too, are a band of Greeks, and we too are here to formulate a policy. May the same high purpose take possession of our thoughts as ruled the ancient warriors. In coming here we have answered the summons of our Chief, and publicly re-enlisted in the cause of our adoption. But this is an American assemblage. The flower of American manhood as embraced in our beloved fraternity, is here. It is actuated by American ideas, supported by American hearts, brimful of generosity and fraternity, zeal



ous for the future and anxiously following the maxim, *non videri sed esse*.

And so my theme grows naturally out of this congress. Americanism for Greek hearts, and Greek hearts for Americanism.

"Now that every city  
Has sent up her tale of men,"

it is well for us to revive our Americanism, and kindle anew those fires of sentiment and pure ambition which will burn out the dross in our ideals of American citizenship, and refine and purify our hearts.

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead  
Who never to himself hath said,  
This is my own, my native land?"

Yes, this is our own country, and as the thought arouses us, let us remember the traditions of Alpha Tau Omega, which, in one respect at least, furnish an example for the world. With us, there is no north, no south, no east, no west; but one country, one land, one brotherhood. In our hearts there is room for a broad and kindly sympathy, which steals away our preferences ere we are aware. This is liberty, indeed; and Alpha Tau Omega stands in the vanguard of such progress.

"Who, with eyes and ears,  
Could walk where liberty had been, nor see  
The shining footprints of her deity,  
Nor feel those God-like breathings in the air,  
Which mutely tell her spirit has been there?"

So let us think; so let us catch this inspiration, for the heart of the ideal citizen should be as broad as the land, and his charity as deep and rich as the crust of mother earth. His thoughts should rise as on the wings of eagles to that lofty height from which he can see the whole country, and not a portion of it; the interests of humanity, and not those of a certain territory or a certain sect. Thrice happy is he, if he can attain still loftier heights, where he can breathe in the inspiration that he is an ambassador here duly accredited to represent a heavenly Kingdom and a heavenly King. Then as he casts his eyes from earth to heaven, and from heaven back to earth again, he will remember the brotherhood of man, and the one true groundwork of ideal citizenship will have been laid. And so it may be said that the first duty of every American who earnestly desires to found an ideal citizenship here is to work with charity and devotion for the creation of that public sentiment which is so magnan-

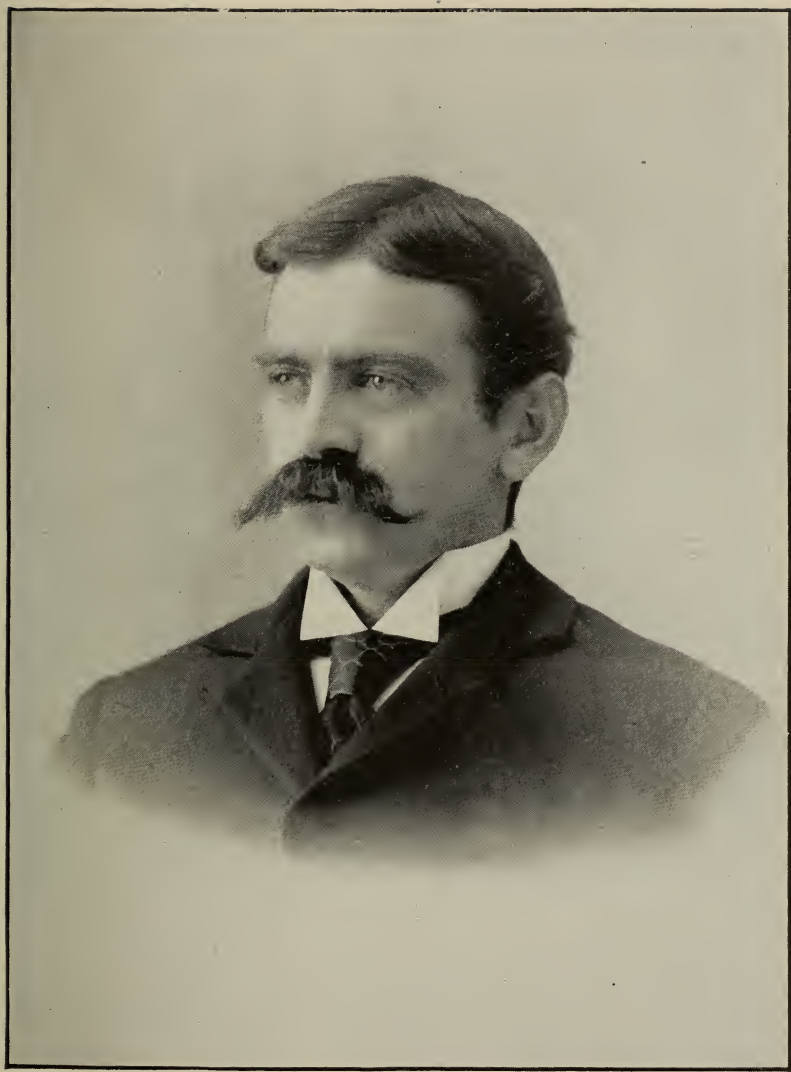
imous and sublime that it includes the whole country and all its people in the sweep of its responding sympathy.

This place, too, is auspicious for the consideration of our theme. In this Capitol City, with its traditions of great and good men, not a few of whom have been and are wearers of the Maltese Cross, our ambition is stimulated, for turn our eyes where we will they meet encouragement to noble deeds. From this congress our young men should return to their colleges awakened to the greatness of their country, its mission and its needs. And if I were at this time to formulate a message to send down to these chapters, I should say: "Young men, live not within yourselves, but for humanity. Be ideal citizens. Be not afraid to sacrifice yourself for the public welfare. Gladly make this sacrifice, and encourage it in others; popularize it, and create that sentiment about every chapter of Alpha Tau Omega which makes the performance of public duty a pleasure, and the honor that comes from public duty well performed the choicest gift to gain on earth."

"That man may last, but never lives,  
Who much receives, but never gives,  
Whom none can love, and none can thank,  
Creation's blot, Creation's blank."

As civilization advances and institutions of learning multiply; as large fortunes increase in number and luxurious living becomes possible, there always arises a class who care very little for the world except for the enjoyment which it affords, and who withdraw with a shudder from the contaminating multitude. American life, both public, private and collegiate, is no exception to this rule. Let the man who loves America and hopes for a grander future ponder well. There is always a danger in material success which encourages a people to withdraw from the realities of life. Hardship has forced many a weak nature to grand achievement; and freedom from toil and responsibility has wrecked many a highly endowed character. The brightest eras of all modern nations have been those immediately following great national distress and hardship. Note well the exact time of the literary and commercial supremacy of a nation, and you will find that immediately previous thereto the people had been subject to sword or famine.

Well has it been said that the man who starts in the race of this life without a moderate allowance of poverty, is handicapped against his fellows. Individuals make the nation, and every



FRANK L. YOUNG, CONGRESS ORATOR.



individual who finds the pleasures of life more attractive to him than the cares of his people and the needs of his time is an unconscious public enemy. There is more danger in inactivity than in open hostility. The beginning of the decay of governments is in the great national success of the people. Effeminacy follows in the wake of luxury and the seeds of national decadence are often planted in the soil of wealth. Rome grew, flourished and ruled the world, while her citizens were active for the public welfare, but when they began to condemn vigorous and manly pursuits their national doom was near at hand. Infatuated with pleasure, drunk with enjoyment, enfeebled by excesses, Rome, proud, magnificent Rome, that imperial city whose organization has been a pattern for the centuries and whose system of laws is even yet held in high repute, tottered and fell, and the verdict of student and historian, of philosopher and statesman, is written over her history, "Rome fell, a victim of her own greatness." Let us not be deceived. As we love our republic, let us take to heart the lessons of history,

"Assyria, Greece, Rome, Carthage—where are they?  
Thy waters washed them power while they were free,  
And many a tyrant since."

History is but one drama: "Born, lived and died, sum up the great epitome of man." Nations rise and flourish, crumble and fall and the footsteps of succeeding generations pass over the sites of once proud cities with no memorial of their existence.

But there is one shining example for us to follow, one encouraging illustration of the force of substantial citizenship. Normandy conquered England, and the Saxon yeomen were made hewers of wood and carriers of water. The chase, the joust and the tournament were the enjoyment of the Norman gentry, while the more prosaic vocations, which bring brawn and sinew to the individual and substance to a nation, were enforced upon the vanquished people. Happy England! The very recklessness of her kings and chiefs and leaders developed a middle class of tenacious and brave patriots who, sometimes by purchase, sometimes by sacrifice, and sometimes by war, wrought out the salvation of the people, and developed safeguards for liberty which have since become patterns for the civilized world. With its Magna Charta and its Bill of Rights, its conventions and parliaments and special statutes, England stands to-day a monument to the zeal, energy and loyalty of her middle classes. England's



supremacy in European politics is the growth of stalwart and honest English citizenship.

Thus as we study the lessons of the past our hearing is quickened. We hear voices from all countries and in all languages—some so far remote in the past that their message barely reaches us; others so near at hand that they deafen and confuse us. What is this message which every generation of mankind emphasizes? Listen! "There is danger in confidence, a menace in indifference, and impending disaster in devotion to self and forgetfulness of country." Brothers in Alpha Tau Omega, as we love our fair land and the happiness of those who are to come after us, it is our solemn duty to encourage our citizens of both sexes and of all ages, the rich and the poor, the learned and the unlearned, to be actively interested in public affairs, in the promotion of public enterprise, and in the formation of an uncompromising public sentiment which will force into activity those whose indifference and over-confidence are a menace to our national prosperity and stability. And if from the Chapters of Alpha Tau Omega we could send forth bands of

"Young fire-eyed disputants  
Who deem their swords  
On points of faith more eloquent than words,"

and who would carry their zeal and aspirations to the communities where they shall take up residence, and there wage war, relentless and irresistible, against all that enervates society and tends to national decay, we would win laurels for our beloved fraternity, both here and hereafter. Too many of us adopt the poet's plaintive strain:

"Alas! when evil men are strong,  
No life is good, no pleasure long,"

and excuse ourselves for our inactivity on the ground of the hopelessness of the struggle. Let us properly read the commission which life has given us, and remember that "no man liveth to himself alone." We depend on a prosperous and peaceful public, and a prosperous and peaceful public depends on us. Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. Let it not be said that any brother in Alpha Tau Omega ever frittered away the beneficent opportunities of American citizenship and transformed his goodly heritage, so that he transmitted to his successors merely the chaff and the straw and stubble of fruitless action and wasteful prodigality.

But another lesson awaits us. Some two thousand years ago,

a prisoner uncondemned stood before a legal tribunal. Loud and vehement were the clamors for his punishment. Malice and cruelty were apparent on the passion-distorted features of his oppressors. The cruel scourge is brought forth, and even while it is poised in air, balanced in the hand which is too willing to inflict torture on that bared and innocent back, the prisoner cries out, "I am a Roman, and scourgest thou a Roman uncondemned?" The scourge falls harmless to the ground, and the Apostle Paul has escaped the cruel lash. What magic, what power in that one word! A Roman, with Roman rights, guaranteed by Roman power! The multitude is stilled; their passions are suppressed and their malice checked.

I would that the word *American* might have such a charm. I would that the principles of liberty, fraternity and equality might have such dominion over us, that there should be no oppression throughout the area of our continent. I would that the words, "I am an American," should be burned upon the heart of every citizen of our republic so that the consciousness of his responsibility might be ever present with him. I would that the word "American" might mean the entire absence of unworthy ambition and the index of a national pride which tolerates no meanness, which stands for truth and righteousness and raises a protest, mute though it be, against oppression everywhere. Let our matrons whisper the word in the ears of their infants; let our parents instill reverence for the word among the children about their knees; let it be sanctified in our homes; let it be magnified in our schools; let it be extolled in our pulpits; let it have free course in our society; so that wherever our flag shall float, American hearts shall catch the inspiration and think, if not gladly sing, "My Country, 'tis of thee."

One sight in our country thrills my heart as does this flag. As we sail up and down our rivers, and traverse our hills and valleys, passing by the habitations where men are wont to dwell, our eyes catch here and there glimpses of church spires pointing heavenward, showing that our people recognize whence come our numerous benisons.

Let it be so,—the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, and that is a happy nation which forms its institutions and its laws with reverent homage for the deity. God be praised that in the fullness of time He raised up and exalted here a nation of God-fearing and worshipful people. Justice, truth and equity—

what are they but God-like attributes, and whither shall we turn except to the divine fountain head for those eternal principles which give substance to our living? Human nature has no consistency or strength; divinity must temper earthly clay before it can be moulded into comely forms and lasting shape. Great men have been religious men; great nations have been religious nations. Let us remember our origin. It was for conscience'sake that our ancestors severed the relations of home and kindred, braved the dangers of the deep, built huts on the barren and rocky shores of New England, met starvation in the Virginian forests, exposed themselves to Indian treachery and carried their household gods to places which perhaps had never before borne the impression of a human foot. From the beginning of our history to this day, progress has been identified with Christian righteousness, and it is the custom with us, both as states and as a nation, to set apart a day for universal Thanksgiving to Him who raises and pulls down nations at His pleasure. May the custom last forever; may our people never forget the source and origin of their blessings. May every American citizen strengthen his character and quicken his conscience by thoughts of his accountability to God. Let the intellect be once touched with the consciousness of the truth that we are made in the image of our Creator, that our bodies are nothing more than a tabernacle of clay for the reception of a spark of the divine intelligence, and then a proper understanding of the beauty of purity and the innate dignity of manhood will call a halt to all that is mean and base within us. Let religion and education go hand in hand, each guiding and correcting the other, enlarging aspirations, magnifying personal virtue, inculcating truth, and showing men that they are only a little lower than the angels and have been crowned with glory and honor. Loyalty to law will follow such teaching; home relations will be more highly sanctified; sin will become more hideous, because less common, and human souls will be qualified for the eternal years of God. But in the religion which dominates us there must be no intolerance, no arrogance, no bitter prejudice. It must be a religion for the household. Within the sacred portals of the home the religion which has been a safeguard for the father may safely be impressed upon the children, but the teaching should be colored with a creed which includes the fellowship of man and looks with favor and encouragement upon all good works, forgetful by

what name or under whose auspices they were accomplished. Pure religion and undefiled is the warp upon which must be woven the fabric of ideal citizenship.

And thus, dear friends, I have tried to sketch a picture before you of my ideal American citizen. In my mind's eye I see him plainly. He stands there erect, stalwart, unselfish, sympathetic, God-like. He is big-hearted and generous. He is courageous and willing to sacrifice self for the public welfare. He is interested in public affairs and deems no action trivial which involves the fortunes of his neighbors. He is an active participant in the toil and trouble of this work-a-day world. He is proud of his nation, and strives hopefully and graciously to add new glory to its fair estate. National honor is more to him than meat and drink. A firm belief in Providence possesses his soul. His religion is practical. He believes in the mission of his country, and the grandeur of his own soul. Purity and Morality, Industry and Integrity, Philanthropy and Patriotic Devotion are the fortresses which he builds for national defense.

He is the incarnation of Alpha Tau Omega. Its motto is his ruling sentiment. From first to last he is constant. He is the Alpha in all good works and the Omega to be discouraged therein. His life is one grand song, for the consciousness of duty well performed continually revives and sustains him, and at the close of his earthly pilgrimage he can say, with the famous Frenchman, "I have lived, I have lived," and "approach his grave like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."



## FRANK L. YOUNG.

Frank L. Young, Congress orator, who held his listeners spellbound with his brilliant thoughts and splendid eloquence in the historic parlors of the Ebbitt House, at Washington, has been a remarkably successful man in everything he has undertaken, and, although only thirty-five years of age, he has made for himself an enviable reputation as an orator, lawyer and citizen in the Empire State. None of the enterprising graduates of his alma mater have yet had time to grow old, but in every honorable walk of life Cornellians have made themselves known as earnest, able and conscientious workers, and few of them have more reason to be proud of their record of successful struggle and achievement than the subject of this sketch.

Brother Young was born at Union Springs, New York, in 1860, in one of the most beautiful sections of the state. He was always of studious habits and as early as 1884 held the position of Associate Principal in Oakwood Seminary in his native town. In the following year he entered the junior class at Haverford College, but resumed his position in the Oakwood Seminary at the close of the year, and the next year completed his course at Cornell University in fine standing.

After graduation Brother Young again took up educational work, acting as instructor in Mount Pleasant Military Academy, at Sing Sing, N. Y., until he was admitted to the bar in 1892.

In 1889, recognizing the many inconveniences and uncertainties of the state of single blessedness, Brother Young was married to Miss Mary Yawger, a sister of Brother Edwin Yawger, of N. Y. Beta Theta, also of Union Springs. The union has proved a very happy one and Brother Young's home life has been very pleasant indeed.

It was while attending a New York law school that Brother Young was introduced to Capricornicus Alphatauomegus, in the halls of N. Y. Alpha Lambda. (Alas, the frisky beast has since died of that ailment fatal to his kind, innocuous desuetude!) Anxious to be connected with an active and vigorous chapter, he



was transferred not very long since to the rolls of N. Y. Beta Theta, the chapter of his alma mater.

It will be seen that Brother Young was his own instructor for the work of half his college course, and it has been his characteristics of industry and self-reliance that have brought him to the front at the Westchester County bar. At the beginning of his career, Brother Young was selected by the Republican State League to take the platform in the presidential campaign, and, as those who heard him in Washington will understand, he never failed to arouse enthusiasm in the numerous audiences which he addressed in the Empire State.

Brother Young has become prominent in the business and social life of his community. He is at present secretary of the Ossening Street Railway, of Sing Sing, Past Regent of the Royal Arcanum, member of the Sing Sing Yacht Club, and treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. He is enthusiastic in regard to his fraternity, and every Alpha Tau may point with pride to the record of this enterprising and accomplished brother.

## THE PAST.

The past is dead forever and is now  
The soil from which our future worth must grow;  
But death is life's most faithful servant here  
And we may yet, scarce knowing what we do,  
Transfer the dead decaying leaves of years  
Gone by, to living fruit. Unseen, unheard,  
Within the secret chambers of our soul  
We grow by taking life from death, and choose  
Each for himself his end; and so it comes,  
Our hearts are prophets of our fates. We may  
Be God's who will, may grasp and understand  
All but the Infinite Himself. Let stars  
Be limits for the weak, but let the strong  
Step out beyond for room, and then, set free  
From this small prison, called our universe,  
Explore the endless sea of space. Perchance  
There yet may be revealed to man more than  
We think there is for even God to know.  
All things are possible with Him, and all  
But all with man. Our eyes are closed, and so  
We fear to take each further step. We need  
A wiser wisdom than we have, to bring  
Truth from obscurity to light. The faith  
Of willful ignorance is doubt, the doubt  
Of knowledge, faith. To-day we start entombed  
Deep in the mystery that hovers round  
Eternal change without, or lose ourselves  
Within ourselves, while chasing that uncaught  
Eternal constancy, the soul, thro' dark  
Uncertainty. We live, but know not how—  
And this our heritage, the greatest good  
The Greatest gave this self-bound race of ours,  
To serve our fellow men and lift them up.  
It needs no creed but love, no eloquence  
But truth. Earth's peace would rival heaven's, could

We keep this law: Love serves by being king,  
And rules by serving. Living thus would make  
One hour of life have value more than all  
The miters, titles, crowns and wealth this world  
Has ever held. The pyramids that frown  
Beside the Nile are only ancient tombs,  
That say their builders long ago have died.  
How much of his long painful glory now  
Would Cæsar give, had he but left to earth  
The silent story of an infant's life!  
Our lives are measured by our thoughts, and we  
Are good or evil, great or small, with them;  
For acts may stray beyond their purpose here,  
And so condemn a saint. To live in truth  
For others is to live for one's self,  
Tho' living thus for self alone deserves  
No blessing from the One who sees the heart.  
Go, work with all your energy of soul,  
And, rising, lift whome'er you can. Be strong  
Within, and ask no rest save that which makes  
The toiler better fitted for his task.  
Work thro' misfortune, tho' it be like night,  
Not for rewards, like hypocrites, but love.  
There is no ill for him whose heart is pure,  
If faith be firm, for stern adversity  
Must then be but a guide to help us climb  
The snow-capped Alps of earth in search of God.

JOHN VIZZARD HASKELL,  
Ohio Alpha Nu.

## OUR WORTHY GRAND CHIEF.

Dr. Larkin White Glazebrook, who was, on December 28th last, unanimously elected Worthy Grand Chief of the fraternity, is the eldest son of our revered founder, Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook. On his father's side he is descended, through his great-grandmother, Judith Blackwell, from that scholarly English family of Blackwells, who from 1562 to 1666 had fourteen of its name at the University of Oxford, the first constituted Cardinal Cajetane and the last coming to Virginia as a settler 100 years before the War of the Revolution. On his maternal side he is the great-great-grandson of Alexander Henderson, a Colonial patriot and close friend of George Washington, and of Commodore Truxtun, one of the founders of our Navy. His grandfather was the late Gen. Francis H. Smith of Lexington, Virginia, founder of the Virginia Military Institute; so he comes from a line of Founders, of which class Lord Bacon says, they are the greatest benefactors of the race.

He was born in Richmond, Virginia, July 28th, 1867, in the house where Glazebrook, Marshall and Ross pledged themselves to each other in the sacred bonds of Alpha Tau Omega, and where the first Constitution and secret work were written. In 1880 he entered the Grammar school of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, where he remained one year. During the two succeeding years he attended the Preparatory School of the University of Virginia at Richmond. He entered the University of Virginia in 1882 and completed his academic course there in 1885. In 1886 he began his professional course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia College, New York, which was completed in 1890, when he received the degree of M. D. at that institution, and also the degree of M. D. the same year from the Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, at which latter Institution he availed himself of certain additional studies. During the summers of 1888 and 1889 he was assistant resident house surgeon of the Elizabeth Hospital, New Jersey. After his graduation, by competitive examination, he secured the position of Junior Resident Surgeon at St. Luke's Hospital, South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and in June, 1891, he was promoted to the position of Senior House Surgeon at that

Hospital, where he remained until June, 1892, when he removed to Washington, D. C., and began the general practice of medicine. Though youthful in fact and in appearance, Dr. Glazebrook soon became prominent in society, his profession and his church. September 1st, 1894, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia selected him as assistant Coroner, the office having just been created by Congress.

Dr. Glazebrook is associated in the practice of medicine with Dr. George Byrd Harrison, one of the most prominent physicians in Washington. He is one of the attending physicians for the Washington Orphanage, a member of the Staff of the Emergency Hospital Dispensary, and is a prominent member of all the Medical Associations of the District of Columbia. His activity and efficiency in church work resulted in his appointment to the position of Superintendent of the Sunday School of Epiphany, the largest Episcopal church in Washington.

On the 9th of January, 1895, he was married to Miss Jane Threlkeld Cox, a most charming and accomplished young lady, who is a member of an old and prominent Georgetown family.

In 1879, when about 12 years of age, Dr. Glazebrook became one of the charter members of the Georgia Alpha Zeta Chapter at Mercer University, located at Macon, Georgia, his father at the time being Rector of the principal Episcopal church in that city. He was afterwards an active member of the Tennessee Omega and the Virginia Delta Chapters. He was the founder of the New York Beta Theta at Cornell, a Chapter to which every Alpha Tau looks with pride. He revived the Pennsylvania Alpha Rho Chapter at Lehigh University while residing at South Bethlehem and, since he has been in Washington, he has been one of the most active members of the District of Columbia Alumni Association.

Born shortly after his divinely inspired father had been moved to unite with Marshall and Ross in founding our beloved order, having entered the Fraternity at an earlier age than perhaps any other person, and having been from that time until the present continuous and untiring in his efforts to exemplify the principles of Alpha Tau Omega in his own life, and to advance her interests among all with whom he has come in contact, and thereby meriting at so early an age the high honor which our Fraternity has seen fit to confer upon him, every Alpha Tau will look to one so possessed by the spirit of his fraternity with confidence for a conscientious, wise and beneficent administration.

GEORGE H. LAMAR.



REPLY BY JAMES B. GREEN, TO TOAST, "ALPHA TAUS  
AT THE BAR."

Brothers, this is the occasion I have longed for. My time seemed slow coming.—"Poeta nascitur, non fit," does not embrace lawyers. They are made, not born, and as at present I am engaged in that branch of manufacturing, I propose to start with a "Xmas Carol" embodying certain legal principles in a form attractive to and easily retained by the youthful mind, entitled "Mother Goose as Sung to an Infant Alpha Tau Lawyer by his Dry Nurse." First, of natural persons, second, of artificial persons, and last, some general observations.

The privacy of the private relations  
Is often disturbed by newspaper narrations.

For these, actions lie, as a matter of course,  
Provided the subject be not a divorce,

Wherein public taste, being greatly depraved,  
Demands to be told how each side misbehaved.

Filius populi's in a sad case,  
Though sometimes, in high life, my Lord or your Grace.

Albeit this truth from the sages we learn,  
It takes a wise child his papa to discern.

A guardian can't sue for abuses of ward,  
For the law to her service no right doth afford;

Otherwise, with females in other relations,  
With damages measured by feelings and stations;

But, if done under promise to make her a bride,  
The villain must wed, go to prison, or ride.

The simplest doctrine the student e'er saw  
Was the Femme Covert's right at the Common Law;

But his mind bows down to a task that is great,  
Getting hold of her modern separate estate.

Corporate acts must be done under seal,  
But this don't include a political deal.

The only great seal in the lobby you see  
Is the solemn impression of secrecy.

Quid pro quo—means a happy return,  
And all the senate took sugar in thern.

These pious bodies spend, and are spent,  
For an Incorporeal Hereditament.

On looking around this terrestrial ball,  
We find some things fixed, and some, not at all.

Personal property's easy to steal;  
Not so with the kind that the lawyers call real.

Liberum tenementum, to the Saxon heart nigh,  
With the Celt, like his cow, is prone to go dry.

To distrain for his rent, by day or by night,  
May bring on a blow up with dynamite.

In the United States there lies no demand,  
If the government seizes the poor man's land.

Aliter in England, Russia and Turkey,  
Though their general views be exceedingly murky.

Lords Mansfield and Best on limitations  
Awaken our deepest imprecations.

And, as if to add fire to a burning mass,  
Lord Tenterden brings his small act to pass.

We have wholly abolished "Bills of Attainder,"  
And in Heaven we hold a contingent remainder,

In respect whereof, it is no digression  
To say it lacks power to vest in possession.

Issues of fact under investigation  
Demand for decision a truthful narration.

All means to this end in complaint or defense  
Fall under the title of "Evidence."

De minimus lex non curat,  
But tit is not a good tender for tat.

Nullum tempus occurrit regi,  
Qui facit per alium facit per se.

We apprehend it not libel or slander,  
To say that a goose has eloped with a gander.

Yet a prudent man this moral attached,  
Count not your law goslings before they are hatched.

Respectfully offered to the law class,  
At the risk of their calling the author an ass.

But now, let us curb the Muse. "At the Bar," like most phrases coming under the Lawyer's eye, is capable of several constructions. We see a spacious room with a desk on a raised platform, two green tables, and several easy chairs scattered about. A portly gentleman sits at the desk, and others in various stages of development flit in and out, or occupy the chairs. These are "at the bar." You may see a Maltese Cross on some. A dejected looking person (called prisoner at the bar) and ordered by the Clerk to stand up, occupies a small pen in one corner. His education was acquired at a bar downstairs, lighted up brilliantly, with pictures of pugilists, favorites winning by a head, and ladies more or less indifferent to costume, on the wall. Behind the counter, a glittering array of glassware. He has graduated, and unless his lawyer gets him off, his face will soon be seen at a bar of iron.

Many of you are on the sunny slope of life, with Hope for a companion. Some of us have reached the crest of the Divide, having paid high for the company of that uncertain jade, Experience, and others go to ever deepening shadows on the opposite side. Should I not have the happiness to meet you all again here, may our next Congress be held within the gateway of the everlasting morning.

## THE FOURTEENTH BIENNIAL CONGRESS. A BRIEF HISTORY COMPILED FROM THE MINUTES OF THE WORTHY GRAND SCRIBE.

The Fourteenth Biennial Congress of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity was called to assemble at an inconvenient date, as prompt attendance meant a Christmas dinner on the cars and inability to pay the usual visit to parents and friends in the holiday season. This, however, was not sufficient to moderate Alpha Tau enthusiasm, and on Christmas night a large and loyal band of wearers of the Maltese Cross assembled at the Ebbitt House, Washington, D. C., just as a less numerous Congress had assembled twelve years before at the same place. The local alumni association was on hand to extend a royal welcome, and soon the visitors were made to feel at home, and it was not long before all were acquainted and conversing like friends of many years' standing. Across the street from the hotel was strung the stars and stripes, bearing the announcement, "Alpha Tau Omega Headquarters," and, in fact, the old hostelry was for a time changed into a large chapter house, with badges and colors conspicuous everywhere.

Business was begun promptly on the morning of the 26th, at 10:15 A. M., when Worthy Grand Chief Shives called Congress to order in the large Receiving Parlor of the Ebbitt House. There was a very large attendance, both of delegates and visiting brothers.

The meeting was impressively opened with prayer by our founder, Rev. Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook.

Dr. L. W. Glazebrook announced that President Cleveland would receive the delegates at one in the afternoon, and arrangements were made to proceed to the White House in a body.

Worthy Grand Scribe, Lee C. Bradley of Alabama, being found absent, Bros. George H. Lamar and Thomas Ruffin, of the D. C. Alumni Association, were appointed W. G. S. and assistant, pro tempore.

Upon roll call of Grand Officers, Worthy G. Chaplain, John H.

Vincent and W. G. Scribe, Lee C. Bradley, were found absent. Of the High Council, Brothers Wiley Thomas, Frank Menges and Jas. B. Green failed to respond to their names, but these three brothers and others were welcomed on the floor of Congress a few minutes later.

The Worthy Grand Chief then made the following appointments: R. E. L. Saner, of Tenn. Beta Pi, as Worthy Grand Usher; Ulrich B. Phillips, of Ga. Alpha Beta, as assistant W. G. Usher; F. G. Hunt, of Ind. Gamma Gamma, W. G. Sentinel; Jas. E. Green of Tenn. Alpha Tau, W. G. Chaplain, and as Committee on Credentials, C. C. Tutwiler of Va. Beta, R. H. Game, of Ohio Beta Omega and A. A. Kempton, of R. I. Gamma Delta.

After some discussions as to whether City Alumni Associations were entitled to vote, it was decided that only one Alumni Association from a state is so entitled. A recess was then declared, so that Committee on Credentials might prepare a report.

C. C. Tutwiler, as chairman of Committee on Credentials, reported thirty chapters and Alumni Associations represented by duly accredited delegates, while formal irregularities were found in the credentials of five others. After explanations as to same, by unanimous votes, the several brothers were recorded as voting delegates of their respective chapters. Attention was called to the fact that Bro. Ira Wise, representing Allentown Alumni Association, was not entitled to a vote, there being a Penn. State Association which would be represented. Upon motion of Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, the question was referred to the contesting delegations for settlement. Objection was raised to credentials of Bros. A. B. Lord and Hugh Martin of N. Y. City Alumni Association, it not appearing which was empowered to cast the vote of the Association. Upon motion of Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, the matter was left to the two delegates in question to decide. The Committee then reported that Bro. John C. Pugh, of Alabama Alumni Association, was on the floor, but that Bro. Lee C. Bradley, who had not arrived, was expected to represent that Association. Brother Pugh, being vouched for by Bro. George H. Lamar and others, was recorded *pro tem.*, upon motion of Bro. J. E. Green, as having the right of representation and vote for said Association. Bro. Jas. B. Green's motion that the report of the Committee on Credentials be adopted was carried unanimously.

The following is a list of the chapters represented and their





GROUP OF FOURTEENTH BIENNIAL CONGRESS OF ALPHA TAU OMEGA.





respective voters, as compiled from original and subsequent reports of Committee on Credentials.

Alabama Alpha Epsilon, L. M. Cooper.

" Beta Beta, E. W. Ledbetter.

" Beta Delta, H. P. Simpson.

" Alumni Association, John C. Pugh.

California Beta Psi, W. R. Eckhart, Jr.

District Columbia Alumni Asso., E. I. Renick or L. W. Glazebrook.

Georgia Alpha Beta, Ulrich B. Phillips.

" Alpha Zeta, Milo H. Massey.

" Alpha Theta, J. F. Allen.

" Beta Iota, Wm. Jessup.

Illinois Alumni Association, H. W. Booth.

Indiana Gamma Gamma, F. G. Hunt.

Louisiana Beta Epsilon, E. Rightor.

Massachusetts Gamma Beta, G. F. Maguire.

Maine Beta Epsilon, L. R. Folsom.

" Gamma Alpha, H. T. Waterhouse.

Michigan Beta Omicron, L. H. Paine.

" Alpha Mu, A. T. Steele.

" Beta Kappa, E. C. Keeler.

" Alumni Association, C. A. Langworthy.

North Carolina Alpha Delta, Thos. R. Little.

" Alpha Chi, Thos. R. Little.

New York Alpha Omicron, N. F. Giffin.

" Beta Theta, W. R. Eckhart, Jr.

" Alumni Association, Hugh Martin.

Ohio Alpha Mu, H. S. Johns.

" Alpha Psi, A. B. Leamer.

" Beta Eta, W. B. Pierson.

" Beta Mu, C. B. Kenty.

" Beta Omega, R. H. Game.

" Alumni Association, E. F. Eldredge.

Pennsylvania Alpha Iota, Max S. Erdman.

" Alpha Rho, H. S. Jaudon.

" Alpha Upsilon, W. H. Menges.

" Tau, Dr. H. D. Jump.

" Alumni Association, B. F. Filmer.

Rhode Island Gamma Delta, A. A. Kempton.

South Carolina Alpha Phi, Melton Clark.

" Beta Phi, J. Eric Warnock.

Tennessee Alpha Tau, Jas. E. Green.

“ Beta Pi, R. E. L. Saner.

“ Lambda, S. M. Parks.

“ Omega, C. C. Pinckney, or Woodward.

“ Alumni Association, Zac Tolliver.

Virginia Delta, Jas. B. Green.

“ Beta, C. C. Tutwiler.

Vermont Beta Zeta, Hugh Davis

Worthy Grand Chief then stated that he had appointed a Committee on Banquet some weeks before, and called on the chairman, Dr. Larkin W. Glazebrook, for report, and it was announced that the banquet would be held at Wormley's Friday night. After exhorting all to attend this important session, the Worthy Grand Chief declared a short recess.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION.

At 12:45 the delegates reassembled, and marched to the White House, where President Cleveland kindly received them in his working clothes in his work room. A line was formed in single file, and, as each brother grasped the hand of the Chief Executive, Worthy Grand Chief Shives announced his name and the name of his state. It was a special reception for members of the fraternity (and their wives), and was a strong evidence of the President's deep interest in college men, which led him to become a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity not long ago.

Descending to the main floor, the party was shown through the public reception room or East Room, and the special and private reception rooms, known as the Green, Blue and Red Rooms, and were told the history of each and of the historical furniture and portraits. An unusually good opportunity was given to visit rooms generally closed to the public, and brothers who had not visited Washington before felt themselves already more than repaid for their visit during the inclement weather prevailing during the holidays.

#### THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY HON. JOHN W. ROSS.

At 2:30 P. M., in the larger parlor of the Ebbitt House, W.G. Chief Shives introduced to the brothers and friends there assembled the Hon. John W. Ross, President of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia. For some forty minutes the distinguished and dignified orator entertained his audience

in a right royal and eloquent manner. While extending to the Alpha Tau visitors the warm hospitality of Washington, he said it always pleased him to meet young men, because he could distinctly remember that period of his own existence. His pictures of his own boyhood days were particularly enjoyable, and he was frequently interrupted by applause, while contrasting the boy of the past with the boy of the present. He then extended the antithesis to the City of Washington. He remembered well the time when the city was a resort for politicians, and devoid of attractions for others, while now it stands forth as a community of the highest and noblest culture, rapidly developing into a Mecca for scientists, artists, professional men and students in all branches of learning, and being made an educational center by its Universities, Government departments of study, Art Galleries, Museums and magnificent Libraries. He pointed out the advantages of such a place for the Convention of a body of young men such as that before him, and acknowledged for Washington the compliment of being selected as a place of meeting. Extending a final, cordial welcome to the Congress, he assured his hearers that there need be no fear of a "Congressional investigation" of their doings.

When the hearty applause which greeted these warm words of welcome had died away, Brother W. R. Bass, of Ohio Beta Eta, was announced to respond for the fraternity, and spoke spiritedly and eloquently as follows:—

#### BROTHER BASS'S RESPONSE.

How potent is the magic influence of a hearty welcome!

Already the feeling of awe, with which we came down to this Congress at the Capitol, is beginning to merge into the sense of ownership of the Capitol which follows your words of general good will and fellowship.

In accordance with the call of our Worthy Grand Chief, we, followers of the Maltèse Cross, from every part of the country, have assembled here to consider and promote the welfare of our Fraternity, and it warms our hearts with a fervid glow to be met at the threshold of our Congress with this wholesome expression of the princely hospitality which your city extends to our Order. And I assure you, that by thus extending honor to our Fraternity, you discover the surest road to our affections.

The members of our Fraternity are widely diversified, in

locality, age, rank and mental range. It includes brothers from all over the land, some of whom are in the springtime of youth; others are strong, brainy men, nobly fulfilling their missions on earth, and still others have crossed the snow-line of old age and are peacefully awaiting their final summons.

It includes brothers of all degrees of intellect, from the level of the obscure Senator and humble Doctor of Divinity, to the pinnacle of learning where the Sophomore sits in solitary grandeur, and from thence to the dark depths of despair where Freshmen most do congregate. But everywhere, all over the land, we find the followers of the Maltese Cross, each fulfilling his separate mission, broad, loyal, progressive, nobly representative of the high ideals of his Brotherhood. And when we come together as we do to-day, all local shades and distinctions are merged in the paramount fact that we are brothers "under the Cross," and the rugged words of Rudyard Kipling might well be adapted to such a gathering:

"For there is neither East nor West, country nor rank, nor birth,

When Alpha Taus together meet, though they come from the ends of the earth."

With this strong sense of unity, it is but natural that each one of us should take home to himself, as a personal kindness, every expression indicative of good-will toward the Fraternity, and we have a keen appreciation of favors granted and courtesies extended to our Order, which intensifies our sense of obligation to the people of Washington for the interest they have taken in our gathering.

Hospitality is a divine institution. It is so ancient it has no beginning, so worthy it shall have no end. Since the days when the errant Greek propitiated Zeus Xenios, Hospitality has lived on. Coming down through the ages, we find it cropping out in the history of all nations, interwoven with deeds of honor and chivalry, ever exerting a wholesome influence, and standing for the highest development of manhood in each generation. "Sons of the Desert" are not forgotten in our admiration of the code of the Bedouin Sheiks, which drew a circle of absolute safety around the bitterest foe who stood in the character of even an accidental guest. How our hearts respond to Scott's thrilling description of the entertainment of the Earl of Snowden, James Fitz-James, by his bitter enemy Rhoderich Dhu!

"He gave him of his Highland cheer,  
The hardened flesh of mountain deer.



Dry fuel on the fire he laid  
And bade the Saxon share his plaid.  
He tendered him like welcome guest,  
And thus his further speech addressed:  
'Stranger, I am to Rhoderich Dhu  
A clansman born, a kinsman true;  
Each word against his honor spoke  
Demands of me avenging stroke;

"But not for clan, nor kindred's cause,  
Will I depart from honour's laws;  
To assail a wearied man were shame,  
And stranger is a holy name;  
Guidance and rest, and food, and fire  
In vain he never must require.  
Then rest thee here till dawn of day;  
Myself will guide thee on the way.'

"With that he shook the gathered heath  
And spread his plaid upon the wreath;  
And the brave foemen, side by side,  
Lay peaceful down like brothers tried,  
And slept until the dawning beam  
Purpled the mountain and the stream."

But it was reserved for this age and generation, for this free and generous American people to attain the perfection of hospitality; and we can conscientiously bear witness that nowhere is it found with greater breadth, and reach, and depth and power, than right here in the city of Washington, where its benign influence has been extended over us, and for this welcome royal, for this hospitality, for these kindnesses:—in behalf of my brothers here assembled, in behalf of the chapters represented, in behalf of each and every Alpha Tau, let me most heartily thank you.

Though like the creatures of a moment we are soon gone, and the place remembereth us no more, yet ever shall pleasant memories of this occasion be with us; and I assure you shall re-echo in our hearts the inspiring sentiment of Virgil: *Haec olim meminisse iubavit*.

It is night. The convention is now history. We are journeying homeward. Suddenly the hum, and rumble and roar of the car-wheel ceases. We are on consecrated ground; as we pass the old fortifications and picket lines, the solitary spirit of the ghostly sentinel whispers in our ear, "All's well along the Potomac," and we breathe a silent AMEN.

After the delivery of the above, a reception was held, to give every one an opportunity to meet the speakers, and an adjournment was then taken to 4 P. M.

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION.

At four o'clock P. M., Congress re-convened. Upon motion of Rev. Otis A. Glazebrook, a resolution was passed extending greeting and best wishes to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity in convention assembled in the same hotel.

Worthy Grand Scribe, upon direction of W. G. C., read the Credentials of Bros. E. W. Ledbetter, Alabama Beta Beta; A. T. Steele, Michigan Alpha Mu; W. B. Pierson, delegate, and W. R. Bass and O. P. Frichle, alternates, Ohio Beta Eta; E. I. Renick, delegate, L. W. Glazebrook, alternate, D. C. Alumni Association, all of which were accepted by unanimous votes.

Brother Hugh Martin, of N. Y. City Alumni Association, stated that he had been requested by his colleague, Brother Lord, to announce that he, Martin, would cast the vote of that Association.

The Credentials of Bro. L. M. Cooper, of Alabama Alpha Epsilon, were read, but being irregular in form, were referred to the Committee on Credentials; and, upon motion of Bro. N. Wiley Thomas, it was resolved that in the future all credentials should first be referred to the Committee on Credentials for their report.

The reading of the minutes of the Nashville Congress was called for, and Worthy Grand Scribe proceeded to read. Upon reaching afternoon session Dec. 29, 1892, on motion of Bro. Jas. B. Green, further reading of the minutes was postponed.

Worthy Grand Chief Shives now made the following committee appointments:—Committee on Official Register, Dave White, of N. C., Alpha Delta, J. F. Allen, of Georgia Alpha Theta, Frank Menges, of Penn. Alpha Upsilon. Committee on Ways and Means, Rev. Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, of N. J., E. F. Eldredge, of Ohio Alpha Nu, N. Wiley Thomas of Penn. Committee on Delinquencies, Jas. B. Green, of Va., E. Rightor, of Louisiana Beta Epsilon, and E. C. Keeler, of Michigan Beta Kappa. Committee on Finance, Rev. Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, of N. J., E. I. Renick, of D. C., Wm. Jessup, of Georgia. Bro. Jas. B. Green asked to be excused from Committee on Delinquencies, and thereupon Bro. A. B. Lord, of N. Y., was substituted as chairman of that Committee.

Worthy Grand Chief Shives now read his report and it was received with applause. It contained a summary of the work of the preceding two years, a recital of the growth of the Fraternity for the eight years of his administration, in which the roll of chapters had been doubled and the membership almost treb-

led; the charters granted, those refused and announcement of present applications, recommendations as to "dead" chapters, the granting of charters, the province system, requirements as to PALM dues, conformance with Constitution more strictly, etc., as follows:

BIENNIAL REPORT OF WORTHY GRAND CHIEF, E. J. SHIVES.

Brothers of the Fourteenth National Biennial Congress of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity:—

In compliance with our constitution, I submit for your careful consideration this my fourth biennial report.

In all human activities it is well at times to halt and ascertain with what degree of success our endeavors have been crowned; and with past experience as our leader, to plan for a greater outcome of effort.

My report will consist of two grand divisions: (1) a resume of the official acts of the executive department of the Fraternity; (2) recommendations to the Congress, chapters and alumni of Alpha Tau Omega.

I. WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT.

As your Worthy Grand Chief for the past eight years, it has been a great pleasure to observe the growth and prosperity of our beloved brotherhood. During these years we have almost doubled our chapter roll and tripled our membership.

The years which mark our meetings at Atlanta, Springfield, Richmond and Nashville have been years of jubilee for Alpha Tau Omega, and I trust that our meeting here will be even a greater source of encouragement than any previous one. Since last we met, three chapters have been organized; namely:

1. Mass. Gamma Beta at Tuft's College,
2. Ind. Gamma Gamma at Rose Polytechnic Institute, and
3. R. I. Gamma Delta at Brown University.

Alumni associations have been formed at Cleveland and Springfield, Ohio, also at Pittsburg, Philadelphia and Allentown, Pa.

Five applications for charters have been refused.

To-day I bring appeals for charters from the following institutions:

1. Univ. of Neb., at Lincoln, Neb.
2. Mich. Agric. Coll., at Lansing, Mich.
3. Univ. of Illinois, at Champaign, Ill.

4. Univ. of Tenn., at Knoxville, Tenn.

5. Austin Coll., at Sherman, Texas.

I have investigated the merits of these requests and would respectfully ask this Congress to grant them.

I am sorry that our rules relative to the establishment of new chapters are as unwise as past experience has proved them to be. I shall speak upon this subject again.

Although the charter, constitution, and secret work have not been surrendered, yet I fear that our chapters at the Univ. of Mich., Haverford and Roanoke are very inactive, if not dead.

I have on hand the following property belonging to the Fraternity:

44 copies of the secret work.

5 bound and 100 unbound copies of the constitution.

10 blank applications.

21 charters.

15 explanations of cipher.

2 alphabet squares.

1 fraternity seal.

150 blank certificates of membership.

## II. RECOMMENDATIONS.

### 1. To Congress.

#### (1) Supplies.

a. I would recommend that the 100 unbound copies of the constitution be put into suitable binding at once, great care being taken that this edition be bound much better than the previous one.

b. 100 alphabet cards should be printed at once.

c. A committee should be appointed to design and have printed 100 blank permits for the establishment of alumni associations.

#### (2) Fraternity extension.

The experience of the last four years has fully convinced me that our present system of granting charters is very much at fault. Please permit me to illustrate:

A good Alpha Tau brother writes to the Worthy Grand Chief and sends in the name of some student in a certain institution who is willing to undertake the task of collecting from five to ten congenial souls for a prospective chapter of Alpha Tau

Omega. After a correspondence covering a period from four months to two years, a list of the applicants is sent to the executive department. Together with this comes a communication giving the

- (a) Age of the institution.
- (b) Amount of endowment.
- (c) Number of students (male and female).
- (d) Number of fraternities in the institution.
- (e) Number of members in each chapter.
- (f) The classes (or courses) represented by the applicants for the charter from Alpha Tau Omega.
- (g) The information as to whether the faculty is hostile to fraternities or not.

If the W. G. C. is satisfied in his own mind that the welfare of A. T. O. will be promoted by the establishment of this chapter, he writes to the Chairman of the High Council, and if a favorable reply is received he is ready to call for a vote. Then during the next twenty days a correspondence is carried on between from twenty to thirty of the chapters and the W. G. C. When the limit of time has arrived over forty of the chapters have voted in the affirmative, perhaps three or four have voted in the negative.

One chapter votes "no" because their knowledge of the institution is limited. (Such reasons have been given me.) Another votes "no" because of some old football grudge against the institution. Still another votes "no" because one of the former has written to them, requesting them to vote in the negative.

Now I desire to have it distinctly understood that this is no fanciful picture drawn simply for effect. It is a true representation of the fate of the majority of applications for charters which have come to this department during the past four years.

Who will not say that it is an imposition upon the W. G. C. to ask him to sacrifice his time in writing perhaps two hundred letters during such a venture and then have nothing come from it?

Why not allow the active chapters in the state from which the application comes, to decide the matter?

And if the appeal comes from a state in which we have no chapters, why not place the matter for decision into the hands of the High Council and Worthy Grand Chief? It is your duty to elect men to these offices in whose judgment you have implicit confidence; and having placed them in office, you should be careful not to manacle them with severe restrictions.



I myself do not believe in being too loose and careless in bestowing charters of our Fraternity. At the same time I am opposed to that conservatism which hinders real progress and jeopardizes the future interests of our brotherhood.

During the past eight years I have repeatedly observed that many of the so-called conservative chapters are frequently the first to need resurrecting and the last to pay PALM and initiation dues.

The question of extension simply resolves itself into this. Shall the Fraternity as a fraternity regulate its own affairs or shall two or three chapters from time to time dictate our extension policy? This question has been of supreme interest to me during the past four years and I have decided to give it a prominent place in this my last message as Worthy Grand Chief.

(3) Province System.

I would also recommend to the careful consideration of this Congress a change which will affect the executive department of our Fraternity.

As your retiring Worthy Grand Chief I desire to state that this office as it is now organized makes too many demands upon the executive officer of the Fraternity. These demands are not in themselves unreasonable, but the Fraternity has reached such proportions that in order to keep in touch with the officers of the chapters, the active members themselves, and the alumni, the W. G. C. is compelled to write from five hundred to a thousand letters each year.

Besides this, he must sign all initiation permits and carry on the almost unlimited amount of correspondence connected with the applications for charters.

In all of this I have fully realized my inability to do justice to the Fraternity. I have observed that chapters do their best work when they feel that the W. G. C. is in close touch with them. Frequently circular letters should be sent to the chapters with perhaps some such questions as follows:

1. Number of initiates since last congress?
2. Number of active members who have not purchased badges?
3. How often do you meet for the study of the secret work?  
(In this connection let me state that within the past two months, one of our older chapters wrote to me asking me to send them the key word to our cipher.)
4. Has your chapter a room in which to hold its meetings?
5. Are the annals of your chapter written up to date?

6. How much money is in your chapter treasury?
7. What does the furniture of your hall consist of?
8. Who of your members do not subscribe for the PALM?

These are simply samples of the questions that should be sent at times to the chapters. The reception alone of such questions would have a good effect upon the chapters, but if the W. G. C. were to follow up the answers to these queries with personal and chapter letters, it would be productive of even more good.

Many communications come from the individual members of chapters and from the alumni; and while the W. G. C. may not feel in duty bound to answer all of these, yet it would be to the best interest of the Fraternity to do so. If time permitted, I might continue to multiply the examples of demands made upon the time of the W. G. C.

In view of the foregoing, I would suggest a system of provinces, whereby many of the details of this department could be managed by subordinate officers. The province system means better organization. While the duties of the W. G. C. would remain to a large extent just the same as at present, yet there are matters of less importance that could be delegated to the heads of the various provinces. The heads of each province could be intimately associated with the chapters under them and more systematic work accomplished.

Of course all acts of the provincial chiefs should receive the sanction of the High Council and W. G. C.

For the present I would suggest the formation of but seven provinces, as follows:

1. Alpha Province.

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York.

2. Beta Province.

Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia.

3. Gamma Province.

North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee.

4. Delta Province.

Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico.

5. Epsilon Province.

Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, Utah and Arizona.

### 6. Zeta Province.

Montana, Wyoming, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa.

### 7. Eta Province.

Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin.

I do not think it best to create any provincial offices except that of "Provincial Chief," whose duties would be in all things subordinate to those of the W. G. C., and a "Provincial Scribe," whose duty should be to carry on a frequent correspondence with the chapters and alumni in his province.

He would be the officer who could be of greatest assistance to the W. G. C. The provinces could hold biennial meetings, alternating with the meetings of Congress. At these meetings the Provincial Chief would preside, and the resolutions passed would go up as memorials to Congress, to be considered by that body and to be accepted or rejected as might be deemed advisable.

While I offer the foregoing simply as suggestions, I am persuaded that some such system would be very beneficial to our brotherhood.

It is at least worth a trial.

### 2. To Chapters.

(1) Familiarity with the initiation ceremony, so as to render it from memory.

(2) A better acquaintance with our Fraternity constitution.

(3) A stricter observance of the requirements of the constitution, such as

(a) Purchase of badges.

(b) Promptness in sending to the Grand Officers a printed report on the first of June.

(c) Promptness in remitting initiation dues.

(d) Keeping the W. G. C. posted as to the officers of your chapter.

(4) The expulsion of all active members who refuse to subscribe for or pay for the PALM.

(5) More faithfulness in sending chapter letters to the PALM.

### 3. To Alumni.

(1) More loyalty to your Fraternity journal.

(2) More frequent correspondence with your chapters.

(3) A more regular attendance upon the regular meetings of chapters in places where you are located.

(4) More faithfulness in wearing at all times the badge or some other emblem of the Fraternity.

(5) A greater interest in your alumni association.

I cannot conclude my report without paying a deserved tribute to our dear Doctor Glazebrook, who has done more to place the Fraternity where she now is than any other one brother. I have always received his most earnest and cordial support; he has been my strong right arm in the work. My hope and prayer is that his life may long be spared, that we may not only be benefited by his wise counsel but that our future gatherings may be inspired by his presence.

I desire also to give in this public manner my hearty indorsement to the management of the PALM. Let us all give to Brother Ehle our most ardent support.

And now, brothers, both active and alumni, I am not unmindful of the great assistance you have rendered in the past.

While the past eight years have been years of toil and at times of considerable sacrifice, yet they have been years of great pleasure and profit to me. May heaven's choicest blessings be showered upon all of you. With a gratitude, which words fail to express, for all your friendship manifested in so many various ways, I am yours

In the bonds of Alpha Tau Omega,

E. J. SHIVES,

Worthy Grand Chief.

#### CHAPTER REPORTS.

After the reading of the above report and the deferring of the reports of the W. G. K. E. and Chairman of High Council, chapter reports were declared in order. Motion to dispense with reading was defeated, after remarks by Brothers Elle and White, but time allowed to each report was limited to three minutes.

The Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts and Maine Chapters and D. C. Alumni Association and Illinois Alumni Association were heard from through their representatives, with exception of Georgia Alpha Zeta and Massachusetts Gamma Beta, whose reports were postponed.

Worthy Grand Chief announced that the reception to be tendered the delegates by the D. C. Alumni Association would be at ten instead of nine o'clock Thursday evening, thereby allowing those who wished to attend the Cornell Glee club concert.



It was moved by Brother Ehle and carried that Nomination Committee be appointed immediately; and Bros. H. Walter Booth, of the Chicago Alumni Association, R. E. L. Saner, of Tennessee Beta Pi, and Thos. R. Little, of N. C. Alpha Delta, were appointed as such committee.

Worthy Grand Chief appointed as Photograph Committee, H. P. Simpson, of D. C. Alumni Association, R. E. L. Saner, of Tenn. Beta Pi, and John C. Pugh, of Ala. Alumni Association, and this committee now took the sense of the meeting as to having the beauty of the Congress perpetuated and how it should be done. Brother Glazebrook moved that a sub-committee be appointed to arrange for having photograph taken. This carried and Bro. H. P. Simpson was appointed that committee.

It was decided that picture be taken on steps of State Building, rather than Capitol, which some advocated, Thursday, immediately after morning session.

It was moved and carried that morning sessions should begin at nine o'clock, and Congress adjourned until Thursday morning.

In the evening brothers gathered in groups and discussed the matters before Congress, or attended the theater, or visited points of interest in the city.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27TH, A. M.

House called to order at 9:45 a. m., by Worthy Grand Chief Shives.

The first order of business was the reading of Chapter Reports, and this was immediately begun, continuing from where left off Wednesday afternoon session. These reports were interesting and showed in almost every instance progress and development of the respective chapters since the Congress of '92, and are given elsewhere in this number. Dr. Otis Glazebrook called particular attention to the report of N. C. Alpha Delta, in which the completion and occupation of a chapter house was announced. Upon recommendation of Committee on Credentials, the credentials of three or four derelict delegates were accepted by Congress.

Dr. Otis Glazebrook moved that the delivery of the Oration and the reading of the Poem be postponed until the afternoon session, which was carried.

It was moved that a committee of three be appointed to present the Alpha Taus on Cornell Glee Club with flowers.

Adjournment declared till 2:30 p. m.



THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 27TH, P. M.

House again called to order by Worthy Grand Chief, at three p. m.

Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook said he would take advantage of the special privileges always accorded him and which he so much enjoyed, of introducing to the Congress some of the older members of the Fraternity. His first subject was Bro. Sylvanus Stokes of Baltimore, who spoke a few hearty good words of Alpha Tauism; then Bro. Wm. H. Lamar, of the D. C. bar, who spoke very happily on the grand old theme; and third, Brother Staley, of Baltimore, who also entertained us with accounts of earlier A. T. O. days.

Bro. James B. Green was then called to the front and amused and instructed in his own inimitable witty way.

#### POEM AND ORATION.

The Fraternity Poem was now read by Bro. Milo H. Massey of Georgia, in the absence of Bro. J. C. Smith, of Michigan, the regularly elected Poet; and in this both Brothers covered themselves with glory; the former, for his clear, impressive delivery, the latter, for the matchless words of eloquence.

The Poem was followed by the Oration, by Bro. Frank L. Young, of New York Beta Theta, and here Brother Young proclaimed himself the orator in his every word and gesture, a speaker that Alpha Tau Omega may well feel proud of. After the hearty congratulations and thanks extended Brother Young, business was made the order of the day, and reports of grand officers called for. (Poem and Oration are found verbatim in this number.)

#### REPORT OF W. G. K. E.

Bro. Zac Tolliver, W. G. K. Exchequer, reported as follows: To the Fourteenth Biennial Congress, Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

BROTHERS:—I have the pleasure of submitting this biennial report as Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer. My report is embodied in four exhibits: Exhibit A, showing the number of initiations, and amount received from each chapter. Exhibit B, showing vouchers and for what purposes paid. Each voucher is approved by Brothers Glazebrook, Shives and myself, and

each check in payment of voucher is signed in like manner. Exhibit C is a recapitulation showing amount received from W. G. K. E. Horne and from initiation fees from the several chapters, and the amounts disbursed as shown by warrants. Exhibit D shows the amount paid the W. G. K. E. by chapters as delinquents, as ordered by the High Council.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,  
ZAC TOLLIVER, W. G. K. E.\*

#### REPORT OF W. G. K. A.

Bro. H. W. Booth, Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals, reported as follows:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27th, 1894.

To the Fourteenth Biennial Congress and Brothers of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

DEAR BROTHERS:—

I have the honor to submit the following report covering my two years as W. G. K. A. Although somewhat handicapped by not receiving the official records until my term of office had half expired, I believe, nevertheless, I have brought the annals down to the present date, with the exception of one or two chapters. The chief difficulty has, of course, been with the defunct and sub rosa chapters. Of the latter, one in particular, Pennsylvania Beta Chi, has no reports whatever, not even of its charter members.

I have taken up the work not only as W. G. K. A., but also as one of the Committee on the Fraternity Directory. Therefore I have endeavored to arrange the records in such manner that it may be possible for a committee to issue, with little difficulty, a catalogue, upon short notice. Had the work been carried on along the line laid down by our Worthy Brothers Anderson and Nauts, our work would have been comparatively easy. But it seems that in the intervening time a new method was introduced, but not carried out. There was no system, names being entered without regard to dates of initiation or chapter connection. Therefore, in addition to collecting the records for the intervening years referred to, it was also necessary to erase names, even pages of incorrectly inserted records.

I may say, with the exception of changes of address, additions

\*Note by Ed.—These exhibits show fraternity receipts and disbursements in a very business-like manner, and a very good balance.

of degrees and new honors, in the records up to the expiration of Brother Naught's term of office, no altering was necessary.

I have also carried out along other lines, the work laid down by my predecessors. As an example, I have on hand a complete set of PALM, 14 vols., bound in calf, the property of the Fraternity. I offer the following suggestions which would better enable the W. G. K. A. to properly perform his duties, and recommend that this Congress take definite action on same:

1st. The matter of making reports of initiates, a system of checking reports of initiates. The initiation blank should consist of three parts; the main part of the application blank to go to the W. G. C.; a second coupon which, when signed and returned by the W. G. K. E., acts as a receipt as well as a certificate of membership; the third to go to the W. G. K. A.; the blanks being numbered consecutively, and the coupons bearing the same number as the main blank or application. This would enable the W. G. K. A., if in doubt as to proper date or chapter, to write to the W. G. K. E. asking for information upon a certain number blank:—

3807	Application Blank to W. G. Chief.	..... .....
3807	Coupon to W. G. K. Ex.	
3807	Coupon to W. G. K. An.	

2nd. What has become of the copy of the Constitution to which the W. G. K. A. is entitled? I have written to both my predecessors and W. G. Chief without effect.

3rd. To Brothers generally—answer your letters to the Grand Officers. They are not writing to you solely for the pleasure of affixing the "Worthy Grand" after their signatures.

4th. Where are the "Withdrawn" Chapters' Chapter Annals, books, etc.? These should be in the hands of the Worthy Grand

Keeper of Annals, as custodian of the property of the Fraternity.

Thanking the Fraternity for the honor conferred upon me, and especially thanking the brothers who have been untiring in their efforts to aid me in the work, I am,

Very fraternally,

H. WALTER BOOTH, W. G. K. A.

Brother Jump, of Pennsylvania, here made some explanation as to the Chapter at Haverford College, the chapter above referred to as Penn. Beta Chi, and Brother Thomas of the High Council remarked upon same subject and announced that the High Council has taken action in the premises, as will be seen from report of High Council; and Doctor Thomas also took occasion to impress upon the delegates the importance of having the blanks made and filled out in accordance with W. G. K. A.'s suggestion thereunto.

On motion of Brother Ehle, the report of W. G. K. A. was adopted and commended, and the recommendation therein ordered to be referred to the committee on official register.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS.

Doctor Thomas moved that a special committee be appointed as Committee on Jewelry. Seconded and carried, and the following brothers were appointed thereon: N. W. Thomas, of Pennsylvania, H. S. Jaudon, of Penn. Alpha Rho, Hugh Martin, of N. Y. Alumni Association.

Worthy Grand Chief Shives made suggestions as to the publishing of the minutes of Congress, advising that they be printed in full in a secret pamphlet for the benefit of Alpha Taus alone. This question, on motion of N. W. Thomas, was referred to the High Council, after remarks by Bros. J. C. Pugh, L. C. Ehle and N. W. Thomas. Motions in regard to subscription price of PALM was similarly referred.

A motion by Bro. John C. Pugh, of Alabama Alumni Association, to amend the constitution so as to provide for biennial meetings of Congress in June, instead of in December, was opposed by Bro. George H. Lamar, of D. C. Alumni Association, and others, and referred to High Council, who in turn referred back to Congress, when the motion was tabled.

Bro. E. W. Ledbetter moved that no member of Congress shall be allowed more than three minutes' time in speaking on any question, nor more than two speeches. Carried.

Doctor Jump moved that Brother Barrios of Pennsylvania be accorded the right of representing Penn. Tau, on his (Jump's) departure, should the duly elected alternate not arrive. Carried.

Brother Rightor, of Louisiana Beta Epsilon, moved that Art. 2, Sec. 4, of the Constitution be amended to read: "Where a person is proposed for membership in the Fraternity who has been connected with any other institution of learning, in which there is a chapter of this Fraternity in active operation, the chapter wishing to initiate must first obtain the unanimous affirmative vote in meeting assembled of the chapter in the institution of learning where the person proposed for membership originally attended."

Not carried. Vote, 19 affirmative, 20 negative.

Bro. H. P. Simpson, of Photograph Committee, now reported that photographs of the Congress could be obtained at the news stand in the hotel.

The Flower Committee reported that a suitable floral design had been ordered and was ready for presentation to the Alpha Tau representatives of the Cornell Glee Club.

Motion to adjourn carried, to meet at 9 A. M., December 28th.

#### CORNELL GLEE CLUB CONCERT.

Nearly a hundred brothers attended the Cornell University Glee Club concert at Metzerott Hall, to extend cordial support to Brothers Clinton and Bailey, of N. Y. Beta Theta; the former being a member of the Glee Club, and the latter, of the Guitar, Banjo and Mandolin Club.

The concert was, in every respect, a success, and was largely attended by the college men of Washington. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, which was in convention, was well represented, but the Alpha Tau boys were particularly conspicuous in the body of the house and the boxes.

Brother Clinton was given a particularly warm reception, and the Maltese Cross was perhaps never more gracefully outlined than in the beautiful floral piece which was sent up by the fraternity, just as he was about to render his solo, and which was given a prominent position on the stage. Very likely the token made even more perfect his exquisite rendition of the old time favorite "Nellie Was a Lady," and the several encores which were demanded. The design met with the hearty approval of



the audience, for the Alpha Tau badge seemed to be a favorite with many of the ladies present.

Cornell has every reason to be proud of the splendid work of her musical clubs, and the fraternity may well boast of the prominent part taken by the members who wear the Maltese Cross.

#### THE D. C. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RECEPTION.

Rarely has a committee been more untiring in efforts to entertain and arrange for the convenience of guests than the committee on arrangements of the D. C. Alumni Association. The reception, which was held in the Ebbitt House reception room, after the Cornell concert, was as warm and cordial and pleasant as possible, and there was a very large attendance. Every one was in for a good time, and every one thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

The chairs had been removed from the room in which the sessions of Congress were held and bowls of punch and lemonade were placed at either side of the hall, while at one end a long table groaned with dainty and toothsome dishes. All departments of refreshments were well patronized, and such was the liveliness inspired by the occasion that Brother Tom Ruffin, of N. C. Alpha Delta, who usually confines himself to sober prose, burst forth in song, creating the tuneful ditty, which the Cornell Chapter should not overlook in collecting the songs of the fraternity:

A. T. O., to punch we go,

A. T. O., we want some mo'.

Brother Clinton, accompanied by Mrs. Ehle, rendered a number of sweet songs artistically, and was heartily applauded by all present.

Bro. A. J. Stoper, of the D. C. Alumni Association, amused the brothers with his inimitable rendition of Negro dialect songs, and enthusiastic reference to the merits of the watermelon caused a smile to spread from ear to ear of every darky servant in the room. It would give us pleasure to reproduce the songs, which were so lively and had so much go in them that every one joined in the chorus, but we can give the words of but two of the most popular:

“WATERMILION HANGIN’ ON DE VINE.”

Oh, de dew it am a fallin’, dat ’milion’s gwine to cool,  
 An’ soon it will be very, very fine;  
 But bless yo’ soul, my honey, dis darkey ain’ no fool  
 To leave it dar a hangin’ on de vine.

Chorus:

Ham bone am good, de bacon am sweet,  
 ’Possum meat am very, very fine;  
 But gimme, oh, gimme, oh, how I wish you would,  
 Dat watermilion hangin’ on de vine.

See dat watermilion a peepin’ froo de fence—  
 How I wish dat ’milion it was mine!  
 White fokes ain’ got one blessed bit o’ sense  
 To leave it dar a hangin’ on de vine.

You may talk about yo’ apples, yo’ peaches an’ yo’ p’ars,  
 Talk about yo’ ’simmons on de tree,  
 But bless yo’ soul, my honey, of all de fruit dat grows,  
 De watermilion am de food for me.

Oh, de ’possum an’ de tater am mighty good to eat—  
 Some darkeys think dar’s livin’ in a ham;  
 But watermilion eatin’, dat nuthin’ else kin beat,  
 For it’s loaded full of “*Glory to de Lam’*.”

Some day we’s gwine to Heaben, whar de good ole darkeys go,  
 An’ w’ar a crown a shinin’ like a star;  
 Den settin’ by de ribber we kin eat forever mo’  
 Watermilions wid de angels ober dar.

ROLL OUT—HEAVE DAT COTTON.

I hear dat bell a ringin’, I see de cap’n stan;  
 Boat done blowed her whistle, I kno’ she’s gwineter lan’;  
 I hear de mate a callin’, “Go git out de plank,  
 Rush out wid de headline an’ tie her to de bank.”

Chorus:—Roll out—heave dat cotton; roll out, heave dat cotton; roll out  
 —heavedat cotton—ain’ got long to stay.  
 (Repeat chorus for better effect.)

It’s early in de mornin’, before we see de sun;  
 “Roll abode dat cotton, an’ git back in a run;”  
 De Cap’n’s in a hurry, I kno’ what he means—  
 Wants to beat de Sherlock down to New Orleans.

I hear dat mate a shoutin’, an’ see him on de sho’;  
 “Hurry, boys, be lively, ain’ but fifty mo’;  
 We ain’ got time to tarry here at dis cotton pile;  
 Gwineter git anuther below here fifty mile.”

We done took on de cotton, shove out fum de sho’;  
 Sailin’ down de river, we gwineter lan’ for mo’;  
 When you hear de whistle, an’ de big bell ring,  
 We gwineter lan’ for cotton, den, roll out, boys, an’ sing.

Brother W. R. Bass contributed a very spirited story of his baseball experiences to the fund of entertainment. It was moving in the extreme, and was repeated many times, invariably exciting the approval of his hearers, which was manifested on the person of the particular auditor chosen for the purpose. Like the wedding guest in "The Ancient Mariner," "he could not choose but hear.

Yells of all kinds were given with a vim, many of them being improvised for the occasion, and all the popular songs were rendered with much spirit.

It was long after midnight when the merry gathering dispersed, prepared to take up the earnest work of the last session of Congress. Needless to say, every one considered the "D. C. Smoker" a grand success, which every Alumni Association should imitate.

#### REPORT OF HIGH COUNCIL.

Congress reconvened at 10 o'clock a. m., Dec. 28th, W. G. Chief Shives in chair.

The first business before the house was the report of the High Council. Rev. Otis A. Glazebrook, chairman, reported as follows:

To the W. G. C. and Brothers of A. T. O. in Congress assembled:

In accord with the requirements of the Constitution, I beg leave, as chairman, to submit the report of the High Council.

The Constitution requires at least an annual meeting of the High Council. The first meeting was held in Philadelphia, Feb. 2, 1893, and the second Dec. 12, 1894. In addition, a meeting was held yesterday. This report proposes to cover only the business transacted at these meetings, the late hour at which this report is made and the fullness of the reports of the other Grand Officers making it inexpedient and unnecessary that other suggestions be made.

The most important matter before the High Council was the question of the editing and management of the PALM, that duty being finally relegated to the High Council by the Nashville Congress. Brother Ehle was unanimously elected editor and manager of the PALM, under the control of the High Council, and the necessary appropriation was made for the successful carrying out of this action. It was further enacted that the editor

and manager make stated reports of the condition, financial and otherwise, of the journal to the High Council. The editor and manager elect accepted the position upon these terms, and the wisdom of the appointment has been abundantly justified by the admirable manner in which the PALM has been edited and managed, and the willing and faithful spirit in which every condition has been fulfilled.

In their due order the report and the suggestions of the editor and manager of the PALM will be given.

The High Council authorized the W. G. K. A. to provide a safe depository for the Archives and other valuables of the Fraternity. It also requested the W. G. Chief to carry out the enactment of a previous Congress, requiring the W. G. K. E. to give bond for the proper performance of his duties, the bond to be in the hands of the W. G. Chancellor, which request was immediately complied with and the bond duly approved, and is now held by the legal officer.

This action has placed this responsible office upon a business basis and established satisfactory precedent for the future.

The question of Congressional minutes was fully discussed and the unfortunate fact revealed that many of these minutes are in a deplorable condition. It is very doubtful if the minutes of several of the recently held Congresses are in existence. This deficiency radically affects the history of the Fraternity, and in the judgment of the High Council no time should be lost in remedying, as far as may be possible, this serious delinquency. We would advise that this Congress appoint a special committee to take immediate steps to have the minutes of all Congresses secured and entered in a permanent book to be in the custody of the W. G. Scribe, and that the W. G. Chief, upon the receipt of this book, have a few issues of the Constitution made which will bring it up to date and that all the constitutions now held by Chapters and Grand Officers be recalled, and the new constitution be put in their places.

With the PALM ably managed and properly guarded; the finances legally protected; the history faithfully and fully compiled and archived; the Constitution corrected to date; the High Council thinks but one other thing is necessary to the most efficient and perfect working of the general Fraternity—that thing is the publication of the catalogue, which publication is urged as an immediate necessity.

The following suggestions, the outcome of the Editor's opportunity for observation, have been adopted by the High Council and are submitted as a part of its report:

1st. All members of active chapters should be compelled to subscribe for the PALM.

2nd. An investigation should be made of the condition of California Beta Psi Chapter, at Stanford University; of Penn. Beta Chi, at Haverford College; Tenn. Beta Tau, at S. W. B. University, Jackson, Tenn., and of N. C. Alpha Eta.

The editor of the PALM has been unable to elicit any response from repeated letters of inquiry, and does not know whether or not these chapters are in existence. Two of them, Penn. Beta Chi and N. C. Alpha Eta, are SUB ROSA, but this is no reason why they should be entirely shut off from communication with the general Fraternity.

3rd. A special effort should be made to build up . . . Chapter. Established at one of the greater universities of this country, with a very large attendance, and at one time a strong chapter living in a nicely furnished chapter house, it has been suffered to run down almost to extinction. A large number of members of the Fraternity are now in attendance at this university, and they should be urged to form a strong chapter.

4th. A fine of five dollars for such offense should be imposed on a chapter for failure to send a letter to the PALM.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

O. A. GLAZEBROOK,

Chairman High Council.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS.

Brother Murray, of New York Alpha Omicron, offered the following resolutions, consisting of five sections: "Inasmuch as a great deal of time has been consumed at the present Congress in getting started, Be it resolved as the judgment of the Congress that the following measures be taken to obviate this difficulty:

"1st. That the W. G. Chief appoint the Committee on Credentials before Congress assemblies.

"2nd. That it shall be the duty of this committee to be at the headquarters of Congress the day (amended by L. W. Glazebrook to 'the night') before Congress assemblies.

"3rd. That it shall be the duty of all delegates immediately upon arrival to turn over their credentials to this committee.

*Michigan*



"4th. That it shall be the duty of this committee to have ready at the opening of Congress an alphabetical list of chapters by states, with duly accredited representatives, together with the names of such representatives.

"5th. That it shall be the duty of this committee to make such alterations in their list as Congress may elect and to add to it such other delegates whose credentials are presented and approved later."

After some discussion this resolution was tabled on motion of Bro. Jas. B. Green.

Bro. R. H. Game, of Ohio Beta Omega, moved that Congress purchase a national A. T. O. banner, to be placed in the hands of a grand officer, to be used at the various meetings of Congress. This amended that banner shall be made of Fraternity colors and that W. G. K. Annals shall be purchaser and custodian thereof. Seconded by J. F. Allen and carried.

Bro. W. R. Eckart, of N. Y. Beta Theta, offered the following resolution, which was carried: "Resolved, that it is the sentiment of this Congress that the efforts of the Fraternity during the next two years should be confined to strengthening the present chapters rather than to further extension, and, if any extension whatever be made, it be done in accordance with the method prescribed by the Constitution." Carried unanimously.

The Worthy Grand Chief now read the following communications, which were ordered spread upon the minutes of Congress:

#### FRATERNITY GREETING.

WASHINGTON, December 26, 1894.

To the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, in Congress assembled.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon extends Pan-Hellenic greetings and best wishes for a pleasant Congress.

CLAUDIUS DOCKERY, President.

H. C. BURGER, Secretary.

WASHINGTON, December 26, 1894.

To the members of the A. T. O. Fraternity, assembled in Biennial Congress.

On behalf of Washington Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Order, I extend to you greetings and a hearty welcome to our city. May you enjoy your visit to the fullest extent and may the session of your convention be eminently successful.

Fraternally, W. W. MILLAN,  
Sec'y Wash. Alumni Chapter K. A. Order.

## MORE MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

It was moved and carried that a committee be appointed to give the newspaper reporters whatever we cared to have published of the proceedings of Congress; and the W. G. Chief appointed Bro. George H. Lamar, of Washington, that committee.

Bro. H. W. Booth here read a letter from Bro. Geo. Hosack, of Pittsburg, expressing his regret at not being able to attend this session of Congress.

Bro. H. P. Simpson, of D. C., moved that the following amendment to the Constitution be adopted:

"When a new application for a charter is made from any institution of learning, such application shall be referred for its granting or refusal to the High Council and Worthy Grand Chief, and a 'provincial board' of colleges, formed temporarily and only for the case under consideration, of those college chapters within the same state, provided there be as many as three chapters within that state, and if there be not three the deficiency to be made up with the college chapter or chapters in an adjoining state nearest to the college desiring a charter. Also if either the High Council or any one of the chapters on the provincial board aforementioned objects to the new charter being granted, it shall not be done." This tabled on motion of Bro. Jas. B. Green.

Brother Booth then presented the old minutes of Brother Daniels.

Bro. O. A. Glazebrook moved that a special committee be appointed for collecting the minutes and revising the Constitution, and that the minutes of the Congresses be referred to them. Carried, and it was decided that committee should consist of W. G. Keeper Annals, W. G. Scribe and Chairman High Council.

Bro. A. B. Lord was called upon to report for the committee on delinquencies, but asked to be excused, not having acquired all the data necessary.

Bro. Larkin W. Glazebrook moved that this Congress telegraph greetings and best wishes to Judge Erskine Ross of California, one of the founders of our order. Carried, and Bros. E. I. Renick, Jas. B. Green and Otis A. Glazebrook were appointed on said committee.

Brother Eckhart, of Cornell, suggested that the opening and closing exercises be observed at future Congresses, which suggestion was referred to the Committee on Delinquencies.

Bro. L. H. Paine's motion that a Yell Committee be appointed to formulate a new yell, after amendment by J. B. Green to include that same should be in shape of a diagram, was tabled.

Bro. A. B. Lord's motion to amend that no chapter may expel a member for mere misbehavior, tabled.

Brother Saner, of Vanderbilt, moved that a committee be appointed to formulate a new song book for the Fraternity, this committee to report at next Congress. Carried. W. G. Chief announced that this committee would be appointed later. (Afterwards appointed Cornell Chapter.)

Bro. H. S. Johns, of Ohio, offered the following: Resolved that a fine of twenty-five dollars be imposed on each chapter that fails to send an active brother as delegate to Congress or an excuse deemed valid by Congress. CARRIED.

Brother Jump, of University of Pennsylvania, moved that Article 2, Section —, be amended to read: "When a person is proposed for membership in this Fraternity who has been connected with any other institution of learning in which there is a chapter of this Fraternity in active operation, a *majority* consent of the chapter in the institution of learning which the person proposed for membership previously attended must first be obtained." Carried. Ayes 35, Nays 2.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The Committee on Ways and Means made report, through Bro. E. F. Eldredge:  
Worthy Grand Chief:

The Committee on Ways and Means begs to submit the following report: First. That the portion of the Worthy Grand Chief's report referring to supplies be approved, with the understanding that the portion referring to the issuance of the one hundred unbound copies of the Constitution be amended by the recommendation of the Chairman of the High Council that this issuance be not made until the Constitution is brought up to date.

Second. We do not feel ready to recommend the provincial system. We believe that for the present the administrative duties of the Worthy Grand Chief may be greatly lessened and rendered more effective by the co-operation of the High Council. We recommend that when necessary the High Council be empowered to send a member, or the Worthy Grand Chief, to associations

or chapters where such a visit would be of value, or to institutions requesting charters, the expense of such visit to be borne by the general Fraternity.

Third. As to chapters, we heartily approve the W. G. Chief's recommendations, except section four relating to expulsion for PALM dues. Upon this point we recommend that chapters delinquent in PALM dues be reported to the High Council, by the Editor, for such discipline as that body may deem expedient.

Fourth. In regard to the establishment of chapters at the University of Illinois (Champaign), University of Nebraska, (Lincoln), Mich. Agric. College (Lansing), New Hampshire College (Durham), University of Tenn. (Knoxville), and Austin College (Sherman, Tex.), we would refer the whole matter to this Congress for further information upon the colleges applying for admission.

Fifth. In regard to the report of the Chairman of the High Council, we approve the recommendation relative to the preservation of the minutes, and also so much of the report as refers to the suggestions by the Editor of the PALM.

	{	O. A. GLAZEBROOK, Chairman,
Committee.		E. F. ELDREDGE,
		N. WILEY THOMAS.

Dr. Otis Glazebrook requested the expression of opinion of the Congress upon the report, and it was accordingly taken up section by section.

Section First—Read and adopted.

“ Second “ “ “

“ Third “ “ “

“ Fourth—Read, and on motion it was agreed to take up institutions one at a time to obtain sense of Congress upon establishment of chapter at each, and arguments were advanced pro and con by various brothers.

Bro. Larkin W. Glazebrook moved that report of Committee on Ways and Means be adopted *in toto*. *Carried*.

#### RESOLUTIONS AND REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JEWELRY.

Upon motion, Brothers Saner and Woodward were appointed a committee to convey to Bro. C. C. Pinckney expressions of sympathy of the Brothers assembled. Brother Pinckney was to represent one of the finest chapters in the Fraternity, Tenn. Omega, and it was with much regret that Congress received the announcement of his sickness and consequent inability to attend the sessions.



The Committee on Jewelry now made the following report:

To the Worthy Grand Chief, High Council, Delegates and Brothers, in Congress assembled:

We, the Committee on Jewelry, do hereby respectfully submit the following report:

We advise that the description of badge contained in secret work be strictly adhered to, as well as such details of form which have any bearing upon the symbolism or integrity of the badge. It is our opinion that the raised center is not a deviation from the form, but we advise that such unnecessary and possibly unwise innovations as rays between the arms, etc., be prohibited.

Furthermore, that the jewelers having official permits, or those who shall obtain such, be considered as privileged to make A. T. O. jewelry when complying with all requirements, both in regard to ordinary jewelry and as to the form and description of the jewelry itself. Also that the jewelers in question be furnished with all necessary information in both of these respects.

We believe the provision in the Constitution in respect to form of ordinary jewelry to be inadequate; therefore we strongly advise that Article 16, Section 5, be amended to read as follows: "All forms ordering jewelry for an active member shall be signed by the Worthy Master of his chapter or by the Worthy Grand Chief and that Alumni may order jewelry by obtaining written permission of the Worthy Grand Chief."

Faternally submitted,

(Signed)

N. WILEY THOMAS,  
HUGH MARTIN,  
H. S. JAUDON.

Jewelry report adopted in toto.

Motion to adjourn carried—12:45 P. M.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES CONTINUED.

Congress called to order by Worthy Grand Chief Shives at 2:45 P. M.

The first business was the report of the Committee on Delinquencies, which was read by Bro. A. B. Lord, chairman. It censured several chapters who were delinquent in not sending delegates or reports, and recommended the withdrawal of the charters of N. C. Alpha Eta, Tenn. Beta Tau, Penn. Beta Chi, Va. Epsilon and Va. Beta Sigma, and that Congress comply fully with the requirements of the secret work, in regard to opening and closing ceremonies.



This report was considered in sections and each severally carried, and then the report adopted as a whole.

Bro. Dave White, Chairman of the Committee on Official register, made the following report for that committee:

To the Worthy Grand Chief:

We beg leave to recommend the following:

1st. In view of the fact that the Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals reports sufficient data collected, we do heartily recommend the early publication of a Directory.

2nd. That the publication of the Directory be placed in the hands of the Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals, under the direction of the High Council, and that we urge all possible haste.

3rd. That the Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals urge the chapters to send in all data respecting initiates up to Congress of 1894.

4th. That Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals send immediately blanks to each active chapter and Alumni Association, in order to ascertain the number of copies to be taken by each chapter and Association.

5th. That the book shall not cost exceeding one dollar and fifty cents per copy.

6th. That the book contain a sketch of the Fraternity and chapters, active and defunct.

7th. See paper A.

8th. That the Worthy Grand Chief be directed to send Worthy Grand Keeper Annals a copy of Constitution at once.

9th. That we urge the delegates here assembled to impress upon their chapters the necessity of answering all communications from Grand Officers promptly and in a business-like manner.

10th. That we urge the Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals to make an earnest effort to collect all Charters, Constitutions and copies of Secret Work and Annals from defunct chapters.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. WHITE,

FRANK MENGES,

J. FRED ALLEN, Committee.

This report was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Finance, Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, chairman, now reported as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Chief and Congress assembled:

The Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer's report was the only one referred to the Finance Committee. The accounts as rendered by the Worthy Grand Keeper Exchequer are found to be entirely correct and beautifully kept. The Committee on Finance commends Brother Tolliver for his thorough work.

Respectfully submitted,

OTIS A. GLAZEBROOK, Chairman.

This report adopted.

#### VARIOUS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

Bro. E. I. Renick moved that it shall be the duty of every chapter to advise with any Alumni Association that may be in active existence at the place of an alien's residence before it elects him a member of this Fraternity, and reasonable time shall be given such association to express its approval or disapproval of such election. Carried (by more than two-thirds).

Bro. Larkin W. Glazebrook moved as an amendment of Article 10, Section 15, Constitution, that "each State Alumni Association be allowed to vote in the same manner as active chapters on applications for new chapters." *Tabled.*

Bro. W. R. Eckart moved the following as an amendment to the constitution: "No person shall be initiated in any chapter who is not a student in the Institution of Learning at which a chapter is or is about to be established, except as provided in Article 2, Section 8." *Tabled.*

#### FOUNDER ROSS HEARD FROM.

Brother Renick reported that the following telegram had been sent to Judge Erskine Ross:

"The Fourteenth Congress of Alpha Tau Omega sends greeting.  
"GLAZEBROOK, GREEN, RENICK, Committee."

And that the following reply had been received:

"Messrs. Glazebrook, Green and Renick, Committee Congress Alpha Tau Omega Society, Washington.

"I cordially return greeting and sincerely hope that Alpha Tau may continue to grow in usefulness and honor.

"ERSKINE M. ROSS."

#### A POPULAR RESOLUTION.

Brothers Jas. B. Green, R. H. Game and R. E. L. Saner submitted the following resolution:

Be it resolved that it is with the warmest appreciation of this Congress respecting the services and character of Bro. E. J. Shives, our retiring Worthy Grand Chief, that we learn of his purpose not to be a candidate again for that office; its duties have been arduous and he has brought to the discharge of them great ability; delicate questions often confronted him and it is our firm belief that he met them with a conscientious regard to the welfare of the Order."

Brother Saner put the question before the house and it was carried unanimously.

#### MOTIONS ON AFFILIATION TABLED.

Brothers Ehle and Booth moved as follows:

That Article 3, Section 9, of Constitution be amended so as to read: "When any member of this Fraternity leaves the Institution of Learning in which his chapter exists, and goes to another Institution of Learning in which a chapter of this Fraternity is established, he shall connect himself with the chapter in the last named Institution of Learning, and be subject to the by-laws and jurisdiction of said chapter, and for the purpose of cataloguing, his name shall appear on the rolls of all chapters with which he has been connected, the name of the original chapter being given precedence.

After short discussion, *tabled*.

#### SOMETHING THAT WAS NOT TABLED.

An invitation was here read from Mrs. Thos. C. Cox, of 1826 G. Street, N. W., for the members of the Fourteenth Biennial Congress of Alpha Tau Omega to be present at the marriage of her daughter, Miss Jane Threlkeld Cox, to our Brother Larkin W. Glazebrook, at St. Paul's Church, Washington, D. C., Jan. 9, 1895, High Noon.

The heartiest congratulations and good wishes of Congress were extended to the prospective bridegroom.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion, the thanks of the Congress was tendered the District of Columbia Alumni Association for the reception given the delegates, Thursday evening at the Ebbitt House.

Brother Robbins, of N. Y. Beta Theta, moved that the Fra-

ternity Flower be changed from the White Tea Rose to the American Beauty. Lost. After a slight discussion the vote was recorded. Yeas 19, Nays 22.

A dispatch from Hon. Thos. G. Hayes, of Baltimore, who was Worthy Grand Chief of the Fraternity when Congress met in Washington in 1882, was here read, expressing his regret at not being able to attend this Congress.

"BALTIMORE, MD., December 27th, 1894.

"To Hon. Wm. Lamar,

"Fraternal greetings to Alpha Taus. Presence prevented by professional engagement. Sorry.

"THOMAS G. HAYES."

Bro. W. B. Pearson moved that a committee be appointed to get up and submit a National Fraternity Whistle. After amendment by Bro. Jas. B. Green that the same should be in shape of a diagram, this motion was *lost*.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations now submitted the following slate:

For High Council:

Chairman: Otis A. Glazebrook, D. D., of Elizabeth, N. J.  
N. Wiley Thomas, Ph. D., of Philadelphia; Jas. B. Green, LL. D., of Univ. Virginia; Louis Carl Ehle, B. L., LL. B., of Chicago, Ill.; E. J. Shives, A. M., of Sandusky, Ohio.

For Worthy Grand Chief,

Dr. Larkin White Glazebrook, of Washington, D. C.

For Worthy Grand Chaplain,

Bishop John H. Vincent, Topeka, Kan.

For Worthy Grand Keeper Exchequer,

Zac Tolliver, of Nashville, Tenn.

For Worthy Grand Keeper Annals,

Jas. E. Green, of Arkansas.

For Worthy Grand Scribe,

David A. White, of Mebane, N. C.

For Worthy High Chancellor,

Hon. Edward I. Renick, of Washington, D. C.

For Editor of PALM,

Louis Carl Ehle, of Chicago.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Brother Jump, of Penn. Tau, moved that the name of Dr. N. Wiley Thomas be substituted for that of Dr. Larkin W. Glazebrook for Worthy Grand Chief. This motion was seconded strongly by Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, but Doctor Thomas came forward and declined the nomination, saying that even if he could be elected, he could not find time to attend to the duties of the office. Dr. Larkin W. Glazebrook was now elected by acclamation, amid rousing applause.

Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook now arose and declined the office of Chairman of High Council, saying that since his son had been made the Chief Executive Officer of the Fraternity, he did not feel that he could accept the other important position; and he thereupon nominated Dr. N. Wiley Thomas for Chairman of High Council. Accordingly Doctor Thomas's name was substituted for that of Doctor Glazebrook, as Chairman, and Doctor Glazebrook for that of Doctor Thomas as a member of the High Council.

The whole slate was then elected, with no dissenting votes.

The election of Orator for the next Congress was now declared in order and Hon. Andrew D. Price, member House of Representatives from Louisiana, was so elected, with Bro. Milo H. Massey, of Georgia, his alternate.

Bro. C. C. Pinckney, of Tenn. Omega, was nominated for the Poet for next Congress and elected by a unanimous vote.

## CLEVELAND, OHIO, FOR CONGRESS OF 1896.

The selection of the city in which the next Congress should meet was now before the House, and Philadelphia, Atlanta, Cleveland and Baltimore were placed in nomination. After an exciting contest in which it was long doubtful whether Philadelphia or Cleveland would come out uppermost, the fifth ballot declared Cleveland, Ohio, the choice of the delegates and there the Congress of 1896 will be held.

## GREETING FROM PHI KAPPA SIGMA.

The following communication was now read:

"WASHINGTON, D. C., December 28, 1894.

"To the Apha Tau Omega Fraternity:

"The Grand Chapter of the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity, in convention assembled, begs to extend its thanks to the Alpha



Tau Omega Fraternity for its courteous communication of greeting.

"The Grand Chapter of the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity wishes the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity a successful convention and a prosperous New Year.

"THOMAS L. MONTGOMERY, President."

On motion, it was resolved to send to our sick Brother, the Delegate from Tenn. Omega, C. C. Pinckney, a tribute of flowers, and Brothers Saner and Tutwiler were appointed a committee to execute this resolution.

#### A FINAL VOTE ON EXTENSION POLICY.

Bro. R. E. L. Saner, of Tennessee, now moved that the Article of the Constitution in regard to the granting of new charters be amended to read:

That an application for a charter shall be referred to the High Council for investigation into the curriculum of the institution at which the charter is sought to be obtained, and then, if the High Council should approve it, to be referred to the Chapters; and if three-quarters of the chapters approve the application, the chapter shall be established in said Institution according to the Constitution of our Fraternity.

This proposed amendment called forth much debate, the more conservative element hotly opposing its passage. The final vote stood 25 yeas to 20 nays, and a two-thirds vote being necessary for its passage, it was declared lost.

By direction the Scribe recorded the vote as follows:

#### YEAS.

Alabama Beta Beta,  
Alabama Alpha Epsilon,  
Alabama Beta Delta,  
D. C. Alumni Association,  
Georgia Alpha Zeta,  
Georgia Alpha Theta,  
Georgia Beta Iota,  
Indiana Gamma Gamma,  
Massachusetts Gamma Beta,  
Maine Gamma Alpha,  
Michigan Beta Omicron,  
Michigan Beta Kappa,  
Michigan Alumni Association,

#### NAYS.

California Beta Psi,  
Georgia Alpha Beta,  
Illinois Alumni Association,  
Louisiana Beta Epsilon,  
Maine Beta Epsilon,  
North Carolina Alpha Delta,  
North Carolina Alpha Chi,  
New York Beta Theta,  
New York Alpha Omicron,  
New York Alumni Association,  
Pennsylvania Alpha Iota,  
Pennsylvania Alpha Rho,  
Pennsylvania Alumni Association,

Michigan Alpha Mu,	Pennsylvania Tau,
Ohio Alpha Mu,	South Carolina Beta Phi,
Ohio Beta Eta,	Tennessee Omega,
Ohio Beta Mu,	Virginia Delta,
Oho Beta Omega,	Virginia Beta,
Ohio Alumni Association,	Vermont Beta Zeta,
Pennsylvania Alpha Upsilon,	Alabama Alumni Association.
Rhode Island Gamma Delta,	
Tennessee Alpha Tau,	
Tennessee Beta Pi,	
Tennessee Lambda,	
Tennessee Alumni Association.	(2 voters absent.)

## FINAL BUSINESS.

Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook here announced that he had just seen his friend M. K. C. Babcock, the President of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, and that Mr. Babcock had desired him to express to this Congress his interest in and best wishes for Alpha Tau Omega, and this was ordered to be recorded.

Congress ordered thanks extended the Scribes for their work. Brother Renick invited Congress to inspect State Department, etc.

Congress gave Brother E. I. Renick, Chief Clerk of State Department, a vote of thanks for his hospitable invitation to visit the "State, War and Navy" and be shown the curiosities of the Departments.

Congratulations and welcome were extended to our "baby" Chapter at Brown University, so well represented by Brother Kempton.

Thanks to City Press.

And now for the good of the Order, Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook was called upon and held the floor a few minutes in his own way, and excited fraternity enthusiasm to the highest pitch.

Bro. Jas. B. Green was in demand, but announced that he was "champing the bit to get at the brothers, but would try to hold the reins in check till the banquet."

Brother Shives now closed the day with an admirable Alpha Tau talk, and it was realized that one of the pleasantest, most profitable and frictionless Congresses in the history of the Fraternity was drawing to a close—and all too soon—and Brother Shives declared the Fourteenth Biennial Congress of Alpha Tau Omega adjourned, at 5:40 P. M., Dec. 28, 1894, Ebbitt House, to reassemble in a convivial way at Wormley's at 9 P. M.

THOMAS RUFFIN, Asst. Worthy Grand Scribe.

## THE CONGRESS BANQUET.

Wormley's Hotel wore a most inviting appearance Friday night, December 28th, 1894, and the dressing rooms and halls were well filled by nine o'clock. Every one seemed to realize that this was to be the last assembly of the fraternity for two years and to be full of the congenial spirit of fraternalism. Business was over, and it was time to say farewell, but not without a last jolly good time together. Shortly after nine, the banqueters, led by the retiring Worthy Grand Chief and Chairman of the High Council, entered the tasty banquet room, and found the tables prettily decorated with the fraternity colors and beautiful flowers, while, hidden by palms at one end, a Hungarian orchestra discoursed melodious strains.

After the benediction had been pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, nearly a hundred brothers were seated around the board. The menu, tastily served, was as follows:

### MENU.

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BLUE POINTS

HAUT SAUTERNE

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### CONSOMME DE VOLAILLE

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FILLET OF SOLE

SAUCE TARTARE

BORDEAUX

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CELERY

POTATO CROQUETTES

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### OLIVES

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SWEETBREAD PATTIES A LA REINE

SHERRY

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PUNCH AU KIRSCH

## DIAMOND BACK TERRAPIN "THE WORMLEY

MUMMS

CHICKEN SALAD

NEAPOLITAN ICE CREAM

ASSORTED CAKE

ROQUEFORT CHEESE

BENT'S CRACKERS

COFFEE

FRUIT

CIGARS

Mr. Gibbs, the proprietor of the Wormley, fully sustained the splendid reputation of his hotel on this occasion, as the banqueters testified by their close attention to the various courses.

One of the diversions of the banquet consisted in the giving of the yells of the various colleges represented and the fraternity yell, while lively songs filled the intermission between some of the courses.

The toast list was not a long one and the speakers as a rule made brief responses. All were worthy of preservation, but we regret that we are unable to reproduce more than one. The list of toasts was as follows:

The Fraternity .....	Rev. O. A. Glazebrook, D. D.
Our Grand Officers.....	E. J. Shives
Alpha Tau at the Bar.....	Hon. J. B. Green
The Qualitative Analysis of an Alpha Tau...	Dr. N. Wiley Thomas
Alpha Tau and College Life.....	R. E. L. Saner
Matrimony.....	Louis C. Ehle
Alpha Tau Omega's Future.....	W. R. Bass
A.T.O. in the South.....	John C. Pugh
A.T.O. in the North.....	L. R. Folsom
A.T.O. in the West.....	W. R. Eckhart, Jr.
A. T. O. at the Capital.....	Geo. H. Lamar
Spiking.....	Edward Rightor
Our Cow Boy .....	Hugh Martin

The toasts of Brothers Glazebrook and Green are always the greatest treats of Congress. The former always manages to inspire his hearers with the Alpha Tau spirit as they have never been inspired before. On this occasion, he was even more forceful

and eloquent than ever, and his hearers hung on every word he uttered, feeling that it came straight from the heart. Brother Green is inimitable. Many a Congress has he brightened with his presence, and we trust that it may be long before he misses one. His keen, but kindly, wit has often pointed the way out of a dilemma or brushed aside an obstacle as nothing else could do. The printed report, which we give elsewhere, cannot give any idea of the apt manner of delivery, or the kindly presence of the speaker, although it indicates something of the brightness and originality of the response.

Brother Thomas was, unfortunately, prevented from attending the banquet, and his response was given, in a very interesting and ingenious manner, by Bro. Franklin Menges, of the High Council.

The toasts of Brothers Saner and Pugh were particularly spirited and eloquent and excited hearty applause, as did also the feeling response of Brother Lamar, who paid eloquent tributes to the departed members of the D. C. Alumni Association, and set up a high ideal of achievement, worthy the emulation of all brothers. Brother Ehle toasted "The Dead and Absent," and Brother Jump proposed an eloquent toast to the memory of Clarence Bayne, the lamented member of Pennsylvania Tau, whose untimely death was mourned by all collegians, and especially the members of his fraternity. Brother Eckart and Rightor were prevented by illness from responding to their toasts.

The list of toasts was completed by Brother Hugh Martin, of N. Y. Beta Theta, whose remarks were very apropos, in view of certain proposed extensions, and were characteristic, displaying a fund of genuine humor, which touched the risibles of all present without belittling the subject. On the contrary, Brother Martin proved conclusively that the "Cowboy" is a very worthy object of fellowship and fraternalism.

Every now and then, there were loud calls for "Major" Stofer, who, to the accompaniment of his merry banjo, sang his popular dialect songs, occasionally joined by all present in the taking choruses.

It was a jolly, good natured crowd which in the wee sma' hours dispersed from the Wormley, regretting only that the fraternal gatherings come at such long intervals and pass away so quickly.

Among the brothers present, were Worthy Grand Chief Shives, Brothers Otis A. Glazebrook, Franklin Menges, James B. Green and



Louis C. Ehle, of the High Council; Geo. H. Lamar, of the D. C. Alumni Association; R. E. L. Saner, of Tenn. Beta Pi; F. A. Lupton, of Ala. Alpha Epsilon; L. M. Cooper, of Ala. Alpha Epsilon; E. H. Hancock, of New Hampshire College; S. M. Parks, of Tennessee Lambda; F. E. Porter, of Ala. Beta Beta; H. L. Pugh, of D. C. Al. Ass'n; Alfred B. Lord, of N. Y. Al. Ass'n; John C. Pugh, Ala. Al. Ass'n; Max S. Erdman, Pa. Alpha Iota; J. R. Wilson, N. Y. Beta Theta; C. A. Barrios, Pa. Tau; Frank S. Truman, N. Y. Beta Theta; P. A. Robbins, N. Y. Beta Theta; Hal. S. Jaudon, Pa. Alpha Rho; C. C. Burgess, Pa. Alpha Rho; Hugh Martin, N. Y. Beta Theta; W. R. Eckart, Jr., N. Y. Beta Theta; W. R. Bass, Ohio Beta Eta; Clyde B. Kenty, Ohio Beta Mu; Ezra C. Keeler, Mich. Beta Kappa; Chas. E. Driggs, D. C. Al. Ass'n; H. W. Booth, Chi. Al. Ass'n; Henry D. Jump, Pa. Tau; L. W. Glazebrook, D. C. Al. Ass'n; G. S. Truman, N. Y. Beta Theta; Edward Rightor, La. Beta Epsilon; W. H. Murray, N. Y. Alpha Omicron; Sterling Ruffin, D. C. Al. Ass'n; M. H. Massey, Ga. Alpha Theta; S. Haldeman Bighs, Pa. Alpha Rho; M. S. Hottenstein, Pa. Alpha Iota; H. T. Waterhouse, Me. Gamma Alpha; N. B. Stewart, D. C. Al. Ass'n; N. F. Giffin, N. Y. Alpha Omicron; Wm. Jessop, Atlanta; Thos. Ruffin, D. C. Al. Ass'n; Thos. R. Little, N. C. Alpha Delta; C. C. Tutwiler, Va. Beta; J. Sam Slicer, Jr., Va. Beta; Walter B. Pearson, Ohio Beta Eta; Ira Wise, Pa. Alpha Iota; W. M. Husson, D. C. Al. Ass'n; Percy D. Hoover, Pa. Alpha Upsilon; Hugh Davis, Vt. Beta Zeta; E. M. Gadsden, D. C. Al. Ass'n; Herman H. Pechin, D. C. Al. Ass'n; J. Fred Allen, Ga. Alpha Theta; J. Eric Warnock, S. C. Beta Phi; J. R. Kemper, Va. Zeta; Chas. S. Emmert, Hagerstown, Mo.; J. B. Emms, Gettysburg, Pa.; G. F. Maguire, Mass. Gamma Beta; G. D. Ellsworth, D. C. Al. Ass'n; L. R. Folsom, Me. Beta Upsilon; Wm. Sloan Huggins, N. C. Alpha Delta; W. H. Menges, Penn. Alpha Upsilon; Reed H. Game, Ohio Beta Omega; C. A. Langworthy, Mich. Beta Kappa; J. F. McKenzie, Tenn. Beta Pi; Fairfax Irwin, D. C. Al. Ass'n; W. H. Lamar, D. C. Al. Ass'n; Alfred J. Stofer, D. C. Al. Ass'n; E. G. Russell, D. C. Al. Ass'n; Zac Tolliver, W. G. K. E.; J. E. Green, Tenn. Alpha Tau; Dave White, N. C. Alpha Delta.



EDWARD J. SHIVES, A. M.,  
Worthy Grand Chief from 1886 to 1894, now a Member of the High Council.



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## OUR RETIRING WORTHY GRAND CHIEF.

On the honor roll of those who have worked and sacrificed for Alpha Tau Omega few names will shine brighter than that of Edward J. Shives, who, in December last, positively declined renomination, after long and faithful service as the chief executive officer of our fraternity, and is now a member of the High Council. In 1884 he was elected Worthy Grand Usher of the fraternity at the Philadelphia Congress. It was in 1886 that he came prominently before the fraternity, and was elected Worthy Grand Chief at Atlanta, Ga. Such was the satisfaction given by his zealous performance of the arduous duties of his office, that he was re-elected at Springfield in 1888, at Richmond in 1890, and in Nashville in 1892.

Brother Shives is still a very young man, having been born in Wooster, O., on Washington's Birthday, 1860. Much of his education was received in his native city, where he was graduated from the High School in 1878, and from Wooster University in 1882. He immediately entered upon educational work, to which his life has been devoted. For three years he was connected with the Preparatory Department of Wittenberg College, and while there continued his studies with much earnestness and received his degree of A. M. from Wooster. Brother Shives has occupied many important educational positions in his native state. He was Adjunct Professor of Chemistry at Heidelberg College in 1888, and took a special course in Harvard in that year, and has traveled quite extensively at home and abroad.

Brother Shives is a member of Ohio Alpha Psi chapter, and his interest in the chapters of his native state is particularly strong, although his fraternity enthusiasm is as deep and broad as the principles of Alpha Tau Omega. He is a great worker, possessed of much executive ability, and very popular wherever he is known. At present he is making a grand success as Superintendent of Schools at Sandusky, O.

When Brother Shives was elected Worthy Grand Chief, there were twenty-five chapters on the list, some of which were no longer strong or helpful to the fraternity. In the last PALM there

were forty-seven given, and all but a very small proportion were in excellent condition; so that during Brother Shives' administration the chapter roll has nearly doubled, which is a sufficient proof of the remarkable strides of Alpha Tau Omega in a conservative manner during this short period of eight years.

Brother Shives is scarcely less active as a member of the High Council than he was as Worthy Grand Chief, and all lovers of the Maltese Cross may rest assured that the interests of our beloved fraternity confided to Edward J. Shives could not be placed in better hands. Long life and prosperity to him.



## OBITER DICTA.

It seems natural to compare the doings and general make-up of the two Congresses of the fraternity which have met at Washington, the one on December 27th, 1882, and the other, December 26th, 1894, twelve years later, almost to a day, or three college periods. In loyalty and enthusiasm the two bodies need not be compared, for an Alpha Tau is a constant quantity and not to be rivaled in these commendable qualities, and an Alpha Tau Congress is always full of the spirit imparted to the fraternity by its founders. But the development of the fraternity geographically and numerically has been so great and substantial as to demand comment, and it is interesting to note the personnel of the earlier Congress.

Hon. Thomas G. Hayes, of Baltimore, one of the earliest initiates of Virginia Alpha, the parent chapter, in 1865, whose letter of regret was read to Congress in December last, was Worthy Grand Chief in 1882, and presided at the Eighth Biennial Congress.

The other grand officers were as follows: Rev. C. T. Quintard, D. D., S. T. D., of Tennessee, Worthy Grand Chaplain; Dr. Mareen D. Humes, of Maryland, Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer; Chas. McD. Puckette, of Tenn. Omega (one of the first associate editors of the PALM), Worthy Grand Scribe; Joseph R. Anderson, Jr., of Virginia, the founder of the PALM, Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals; W. H. Lamar, of Alabama, Worthy Grand Usher; Henry C. Riley, of Missouri, Worthy Grand Sentinel; and James B. Green, of Virginia, Worthy Grand Chancellor. The members of the High Council were: Rev. Otis A. Glazebrook, chairman; Prof. A. Iverson Branham, of Buena Vista, Ga.; McNeeley Du Bose, of Sewanee, Tenn.; Sylvanus Stokes, of Virginia, and N. Wiley Thomas, of Pennsylvania. Of these, five were present at the Fourteenth Biennial Congress, with enthusiasm only deepened and strengthened by the passage of time, viz., Brothers Glazebrook, Thomas, Stokes, Green and Lamar. To fill vacancies in the grand offices, Rev. Thomas F. Gailor, of Tennessee, the eloquent orator of the Nashville Con-

gress, was appointed Worthy Grand Chaplain; Walter F. Daniel, of N. Y. City, afterward editor of the PALM, was appointed Worthy Grand Scribe, and W. W. Owens, of Va. Delta, Worthy Grand Sentinel.

Twenty-five voting delegates were present at the Eighth Biennial Congress, and forty-seven at the Fourteenth; there were thirty-five chapters and associations on the list in 1882, and fifty-five in 1894, showing a large increase both in the number of chapters and the percentage of representation in favor of the latter Congress, even when counting in the chapters in 1894, whose charters were revoked last December. Of the thirty-five chapters in 1882, sixteen are not now in existence.

At the former Congress, the address of welcome was delivered by Leonard W. Marbury, of Alexandria, Va., a loyal brother, who would have been at the last Congress, had it been possible, and the response was delivered by Bro. W. H. Jordy, of Penn. Alpha Upsilon. Bro. Thos. F. Gailor delivered the Congress Oration, entitled "Progress."

It is interesting to note that at both Congresses the matter of fraternity jewelry was specially considered, and a contest arose between Philadelphia and Cleveland for the next Congress, won in 1882 by Philadelphia, and in 1894 by Cleveland. At both Congresses also, the song-book question was discussed and referred to a committee, with a view to publication.

May the next twelve years of our fraternity history be as full of vigor and progress as the past.

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One of our exchanges facetiously stated in a late number that, in order to have matter sent in in more acceptable condition, one of the officers of the fraternity had provided a supply of one-sided paper. Much to the surprise of the editor, some of his correspondents wrote, complaining that their chapters had not been furnished any, and it was necessary to explain the joke to the dull collegians.

While all college students are not supposed to be familiar with all the rules of a printing office, no one should be so unobserving as to be ignorant of that most common requirement of publishers, that copy must be written on one side of the sheet only. It is reiterated in print time and again, and even a freshman should be heartily ashamed to exhibit his stupidity in this regard. But,

as a matter of fact, it may be necessary for the editor of the PALM to provide some of his correspondents with one-sided paper, before they will realize that the directions at the head of the department of chapter reports are printed solely with a view to requiring their observance.

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In an earlier number of the PALM something was said of the apparent break in our fraternity traditions, which we considered most deplorable. We were gratified at Congress to note the large attendance of early initiates of the fraternity and the continuance of their enthusiasm. Our founder, Dr. Glazebrook, did all present a great favor when he introduced some of them and they took advantage of the opportunity afforded to renew their pledge of loyalty and recall old times. He himself rehearsed pleasant and interesting reminiscences, and Brothers Green, Thomas, Stokes, Lamar, Staley and others spoke in the same strain.

Of these, Bro. Sylvanus Stokes, of Virginia Delta, was the first to carry the banner of Alpha Tau Omega north of Mason and Dixon's line, and succeed in establishing a permanent chapter. (Bro. Robert A. Waller, of Va. Beta, had previously established the community chapter, known as Illinois Chi, at Chicago.) It was through Brother Stokes' efforts that Pennsylvania Tau was established at the University of Pennsylvania, Bro. N. Wiley Thomas, now chairman of the High Council, being the first initiate and correspondent of the PALM. This chapter became a center of propagation, and Brother Thomas was most active in the work. Bro. James B. Green, of Maryland Psi and Virginia Delta, who has held nearly every office in the gift of the fraternity, and nobly performed his duty in every case, is a familiar, lovable figure at every Congress. We cannot forbear quoting what was written of him by a brother long ago, and which is just as true to-day:

"One of the best and truest of all Alpha Taus is blind. Of course every reader of the PALM knows who he is, and a great many have the good fortune to know him personally. And they who do not know Jim Green have missed one of the best things in life.

"His eyes failed him years ago; that is to say, his other senses and sensibilities were absorbed in his heart. He can't see, but he feels more deeply than other men. He is all heart; yet head is not lacking, nor is he a pigmy in body. It may seem a rash

assertion to them that do not know him, but I have a notion that Jim Green can distinguish an unknown Alpha Tau voice in a multitude of yelling men. Of this I am sure: I knew him slightly; indeed, I had had the pleasure of being in his company only one evening before I went abroad one summer. In the fall when I came back (and he knew nothing of my coming), one Sunday morning I saw him on the street in Baltimore, going as usual to Sunday-school. I approached him, and in what I thought was an unnatural voice, I accosted him familiarly, as if I had seen him only the day before. Much to my surprise, he recognized me at once.

"He is a great fisherman, and an excellent pull at the oar. All the boatmen in the bay at Baltimore know him. When you get a chance, have him show you the beautiful and gigantic starfish he caught. One night he was showing it to a party of us, and explaining the delicate workmanship of a part of it, and explaining a tinge of blue or green or red or something, when one fellow turned out the gas. He didn't know it, but continued his explanation with accuracy.

"One of the wonders of his acquaintances is his continued bachelorhood. It's a bright lady that can discover that he is blind. It is not impertinent just here, I trust, to say that he has a habit of feeling the faces and of embracing the bodies of his intimate friends to get an accurate notion of their appearance. And I am sure that it is not impertinent to say that the Alpha Tau who does not know him is a pitiable fellow."

Of the other brothers mentioned above, Bro. W. H. Lamar; enjoys the distinction of having borne a college fraternity badge, which was, of course, the Maltese Cross, nearest the North Pole. When the ship, in which the expedition of which he was a part was voyaging, was sinking, with remarkable coolness he adjusted his camera and took a shot at her.

# EDITORIALS.

The Fourteenth Biennial Congress was a glorious success, and revealed the affairs of the fraternity in a most prosperous and thriving condition. For the first time, all the members of the High Council were in attendance, and the only grand officers absent were the Worthy Grand Chaplain, Worthy Grand Scribe and Worthy Grand Chancellor, and only three active chapters were unrepresented, while the attendance of alumni was unusually large.

There was very little important business to come before Congress, and such as was brought up was transacted in a very satisfactory manner. No gathering of the fraternity has ever been attended with less friction, and few questions were warmly debated. The matter of extension was considered most important, and was quite fully discussed, and the publication of song book and directory was provided for.

Quite a number of important motions were summarily disposed of by the tabling genius, and this is to be regretted; but the fraternity is to be congratulated on the nature of the legislation enacted, and efforts which failed last December may be renewed with greater wisdom in two years.

There was very little change in the personnel of the officers of the fraternity, although proper recognition was given to the young men who have come to the front in recent years.

The social features of Congress were particularly enjoyable. The members of the D. C. Alumni Association acquitted themselves splendidly, and deserve the hearty thanks of the fraternity for their hospitable entertaining of Congress. The delegates will always have in their hearts a warm place for the Washington brothers.

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We are requested by the Worthy Grand Chief to call attention to the dilatoriness of chapter correspondents in answering



communications from the Grand Officers, which was so emphatically brought before Congress by the retiring Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals. Only eighteen out of forty-seven letters written by the Worthy Grand Chief in connection with proposed extension were answered. This is not very encouraging to him at the beginning of his work, and it is highly important that the various chapters should insist on prompt performance of this work by their correspondents. The PALM has all along insisted that the office of correspondent is the most important on the list of chapter officers, and the best writer and most faithful brother should be elected to do this work. There can be no good excuse given for failure to perform this work properly, and it must be remembered that every member of the chapter is responsible for its performance. Hereafter, let every communication be answered promptly. The Grand Officers haven't so much leisure that they write for mere pastime, and the fact that they do write is proof that a reply is important.

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There is much appearance of a radical difference of opinion on the subject of extension among the members of the fraternity; but we are inclined to believe that the difference is more apparent than real. By the unanimous action of Congress, the fraternity is committed to a conservative policy, but the use of this word should not excite misunderstanding. The policy which, meets with general approval, as we understand it, is a careful-discriminating policy, which shall be carried out in such a manner as to strengthen, rather than weaken the general fraternity. This statement seems so acceptable as to be almost a begging of the question. No one would throw open the gates and admit all petitioners, neither would any one exclude all. The happy mean is always most commendable. Fraternity privileges, to be worth anything, must be scrupulously guarded, and their continued existence must depend on the discriminating selection of ever new and loyal guardians.

Those who feared that too exclusive a line had been drawn need have no fear that their gloomy forebodings will be realized, for two new charters have already been granted to the University of Illinois and Austin College, and we feel confident that all will agree that this is most commendable extension.

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This number of the PALM appears a few days later than we had

intended. As the editor's time cannot be wholly devoted to the work of the PALM, and as there are often inconvenient delays in obtaining matter, it is sometimes absolutely impossible to mail the PALM as announced, and in such cases, which will be guarded against as much as possible, we hope for the indulgence of the fraternity. We were particularly anxious to have the present number appear as early as possible, on account of the important news it contains, and have brought all pressure to bear on our correspondents and printer, and trust that the slight delay, which has been unavoidable, has not rendered any of the brothers impatient.

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The matter of revenue is always an important consideration with the editor and, apparently, a distasteful one with the subscriber. Our fraternity membership may be conservatively estimated at five thousand. It would be surprising to learn how few of these brothers are *paying* subscribers of the Palm, and the manner in which the manager is treated is often quite peculiar, considering the fact that the magazine is a *fraternity* enterprise. Quite often brothers, after having received the PALM for several volumes, awaken to the fact that they do not want it, though we flatter ourselves that the complimentary words we have received from many sources are not altogether unmeaning. These brothers often neglect to pay dues already incurred or to return copies of the PALM received, with utter disregard of ordinary business ethics, and the obligations resting on them as fraternity men. We do not see how a brother with very much loyalty in his make-up can fail to subscribe for the PALM, except in the unfortunate case of extreme poverty, when due allowance will gladly be made in regard to payment of dues. It certainly is one of the most important enterprises carried on by the fraternity, and it must depend on the members of the fraternity for support. The obligation to subscribe is sufficiently obvious.

Let no one who receives the PALM delude himself. NO COMPLIMENTARY COPIES ARE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE ALUMNI. IF YOU RECEIVE THE PALM YOU ARE EXPECTED TO PAY FOR IT. As soon as possible all delinquents will be dropped from the mailing list. We want to reach just as many brothers as we possibly can, but we cannot afford to send out the PALM gratis, simply on account of the expense entailed. Every brother, we believe, can afford

to contribute the small subscription price for fraternity purposes, especially, for value received. The more paying subscriptions we have, the better PALM we can publish. Every brother who sends us a subscriber confers a favor on the fraternity. Let us hear from you.

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Unfortunately, the Congress group was taken under most unfavorable circumstances. A high cold wind was blowing at the time, which has caused a number of blurs to appear in the cut in the present number. However, the group is a very valuable one, and the cut is sufficiently clear and well-defined to permit of recognition of the brothers present.

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The next number of the PALM, which will appear in the latter part of April, will be one of the most valuable and entertaining ever published. It will not only contain accounts of the establishment of two new chapters, but will also be embellished with a full and authentic biography of Hon. Erskine Mayo Ross, one of the founders of the fraternity, together with a late portrait of our distinguished brother.

## CHAPTER REPORTS.

### ALABAMA BETA BETA.

Beta Beta has had fair sailing since our last Congress. Our initiates have been select students and have proved themselves to be genuine fraternity men. We have initiated the following brothers:

In session of '92-'93:

P. T. Kerr, Centre, Ala.; J. H. Andrews, Greensboro, Ala.

In session of '93-'94:

Brock, J. A. J., Richards, Ala.; Lagrone, W. F., Senatobia, Miss.; Mason, Geo., Columbiana, Ala.; McClesky, J. M., Birmingham, Ala.; Moore, J. A., Montevallo, Ala.; Morris, T. M., Talledega, Ala.; Peterson, F. R., Selma, Ala.; Roberts, J. P., Sylacauga, Ala.; Stoves, Geo., Pratt City, Ala.; Wall, E. C., Sardis, Miss.; Watkins, T. H., Opelika, Ala.; Urquhart, A., Selma, Ala.

In session of '94-'95:

Howard, I. W., Heneger, Ala.; Northcutt, J. E., Evergreen, Ala.; Ormond, J. F., Meridian, Miss.; Ormond, T. F., Greensboro, Ala.; Thomas, P. O., Gainsville, Ala.; Tucker, R. A., Booneville, Miss.

Two of our Alumni, Bros. J. H. Lockhart and U. B. Askew, have died since our last congress.

The painful duty of expelling Bro. T. M. Morris devolved upon this year's chapter.

Our financial condition deprives us of sending a delegate to Congress this year. This year's chapter received from the W. K. E. of last year \$24.70, with an indebtedness of \$60.00, which has been paid.

We have never failed to give our girls an annual banquet, which has always been a signal success.

Our Alumni tell us that we have one of the strongest chapters in our history. Last year we had two-thirds of the seniors, who reflected honor upon their fraternity at commencement.

Our men are moral, high-toned, and courteous gentlemen.

Our future is bright, and our hearts are made glad to learn of the return of several of the most prominent members of preceding chapters.

Fraternally submitted,

E. C. WALL, W. Sc.

B. F. MARSHALL, W. M.

## ALABAMA BETA DELTA.

Alabama Beta Delta, at the State University, sends greetings and sincere wishes for a pleasant and profitable time at the 14th biennial convention; may it be guided to do only the best, and may its labors only result in an upbuilding of Alpha Tau Omega, an outgrowing and an all-round development.

We have to report as follows: During the session of '92-'93 we numbered only nine men, and only six returning for the session of '93-'94. We began that year under inauspicious circumstances. Our chapter was not dominated by adverse circumstances long, however (six men in our college being a small number for any good fraternity), for at the beginning of the session ('93-'94) we initiated the following who are now worthy wearers of the Maltese Cross:

J. R. Dewberry, '95,	Bermdidge, Ala.
E. B. Luston, '95,	Sumpterville, Ala.
J. L. Drumen, '96,	Birmingham, Ala.
D. D. Trimble, '97,	Birmingham, Ala.
John Trimble, '97,	Birmingham, Ala.
B. W. Godfrey, '97,	Montgomery, Ala.
D. H. Carr, '97,	Montgomery, Ala.
G. A. Daniels, '97,	Northport, Ala.

These increased our number to fourteen, who are gentlemen on the campus, on the stage, and in the class room. Brother Dewberry represented us on the Mecca of Junior ambition—the list of junior orators. This year, in spite of the financial depression everywhere, proved to be a prosperous one for our University, the number of students exceeding that for many years past. Brothers Dewberry and Seay represented us in filling important positions on the "Managerial" staff of the football team for '94-'95. Brother Nason represented us on the Senior Speaker's List at Commencement; he has also the distinction of having led his class during the four years of his college life.

Our officers for '94-'95 are:

A. G. Seay, W. M.;	J. R. Dewberry, W. C.;
J. L. Drumen, W. K. A.;	B. W. Godfrey, W. S.;
J. L. McConnell, W. K. E.;	D. D. Trimble, W. U.

These were also members at this time:

D. H. Carr, D. H. Brown, R. H. Nason, F. B. Trimble, Albert Somerville, John Trimble, G. A. Daniels, F. B. Luston.

During the session '94-'95 we have nineteen loyal Alpha Taus, and we see before us a brilliant and prosperous future. Our new men are:

W. P. Champion, '96,	La Pine, Ala.
Edgar Hayes, '97,	Jasper, Ala.



W. T. White, '98,	Birmingham, Ala.
Alfred Welborn, '98,	Anniston, Ala.
W. C. Pickins, '98,	Livingston, Ala.
Mc. K. G. Means, '98,	Boligbee, Ala.
A. M. Woodson, '98,	Patton, Ala.

With best wishes for the PALM and our old fraternity,  
Fraternally,  
H. P. SIMPSON, Delegate.

## GEORGIA ALPHA BETA.

At the time of our last Congress, Georgia Alpha Beta was in good condition. She had about fifteen members, but, unfortunately, they were mostly seniors or members of the law class. Consequently, at the beginning of the '93-'94 term, four men only responded to the chapter roll call. However, they were good workers, and five names were added to the chapter roll. During the term, two of our members left college, and so, at the end of the scholastic year, seven members were active.

In September of the present year, six seats in our inner court were occupied. We increased the number to nine, and an affiliate made the tenth.

Three of our men have had to leave college on account of sickness; so Alpha Beta has seven members at present.

Our chapter is at present not very prosperous, but we expect another affiliate soon, and will probably have two or three initiates during the course of the next month.

ULRICH B. PHILLIPS, Delegate.

## GEORGIA ALPHA THETA.

Since Congress of '92 Georgia Alpha Theta has wonderfully prospered; five men of the class of '93 have gone out imbued with the grand principles of Alpha Tau and their leaving was worthy of note for them. As before, college honors were heaped upon them; all graced the commencement stage and their oratory not only won them applause, but awarded them medals. In '93 we had twenty-four members, of these seventeen won speakers' places. At Emory eight fraternities are represented; of the medals awarded to these Alpha Theta gains more than her share by half. The men of the class of '95, like those of the year before, had their popularity demonstrated and their ability rewarded by the highest honors within the gift of the student-body being conferred upon them and by the places and medals awarded by the faculty.

During the last two years we have initiated twelve men, eleven have been graduated, four have dropped out of college, and one, Brother Guinn, affiliated with us from Georgia Beta Iota.

Not boastfully but proudly, I say, we have six men in our present senior class worthy of our esteem, one of whom now holds the position of editor in chief on our college paper and much has it developed under his careful attention; and due to his rare ability, another of these will be graduated with one of the first honors.

In fact Alpha Theta has a high standard, and fortunate are those who may reach it. At present we have twenty-two men of such attainments.

Indeed we are well represented in every class in college.

Nearly every man is a member of one of our literary societies, and no public debate is complete without some of them. With respect to finances our skirts are clear; recently we have expended about a hundred dollars on a fraternity flower-bed, and in other similar ways. With respect to athletics we are ably represented on the foot-ball teams, and have the finest base-ball pitcher in college. Among the members of the faculty our ability is admitted, among the students our popularity is unequaled and among the citizens none stand so high.

We are proud of our past. We anticipate a glorious future.

Georgia Alpha Theta sends greetings to all her sister chapters and an unlimited amount of love to our noble founders.

Fraternally submitted,

J. FRED ALLEN, Delegate.

#### GEORGIA ALPHA ZETA.

Since 1892, when the delegates from their respective chapters assembled in Congress at Nashville, Ga. Alpha Zeta has met with both prosperity and difficulty.

Previous to the convention of 1892, as may have been reported, the Maltese Cross at our University had been in the front and was then being gloriously maintained in marks of social and collegiate distinction. We could then have anticipated only a living future.

At the closing exercises of 1893 we received more than half the honors conferred. We gave to our chapter that season a special and memorable distinction in that each of us received some high honor in the collegiate department. Each man had his part, and the chapter, with about thirteen men, stood foremost in rank with the contemporary chapters of other fraternities here. The fall of 1893 met us with considerable loss in number by graduation, yet a new and essential ictus seemed to constrain us to hopeful attainments. We returned with only five men to do the work which others before us had done to our distinction and to their credit. We were honored with three initiations and had throughout the year eight good, honest, active and loyal Alpha Taus. At the close of the year 1893-94 we acquitted ourselves well, adding more credit to the name of A. Z. of A. T. O.

At the beginning of the session 1894-95, four brothers met together to begin anew the flame of love which sparkled 'neath kindred breasts, and as far as fidelity would dictate and the promotion of our good would suffer, to propagate the principles which had been inculcated on us. We were unlucky in not finding the usual A. T. O. material, and very few were solicited. We had the pleasure to bring only one man for the first time into the happy realization of the honor and grace there is in the name of Alpha Tau. So we can report only five. We live hopefully, and courageously. Our criterion is love. Our aim is the top. We are, as we trust, brave to meet ordeal, and true for sustaining the graces with which Alpha Tau Omega has so richly imbued us.

Financially, we trust our skirts are clear. We will have a reasonable share of the honors this year. Already we have two which are quite notable in college lines. We most heartily endorse the PALM and its splendid management. With five who are good men, as we trust, we want other five if they are A. T. O.'s. Yet, we feel proud of our good name and if our number continues low, it will be only from the standpoint of lack of fit subjects for the good things in our brotherhood.

To each of the Grand Officers and members of the High Council we send our sincere thanks and heartfelt congratulations. Of the national assembly we very earnestly solicit your good will, and may Peace be within thy walls and Prosperity within thy palaces. To every chapter through its representative we say, Peace be within thee.

Very respectfully submitted,

M. H. MASSEY, Rep.

#### GEORGIA BETA IOTA.

We respectfully submit the following report:

No. active members last report, June 1st, 94.....	16
No. initiated.....	4
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Total.....	20
No. left college.....	3
No. graduated.....	4
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Present number active members.....	13

General condition of chapter is good.

It is our policy to make haste slowly in asking men to join us, and although this has caused us to lose some men that we would be glad to have with us, yet, on the whole, we think it is the proper course to pursue.

Our college journal, *The Georgia Tech*, owes its existence and its excellence to our Bro. William G. Mealor.

By his leaving college, we lose an active member, whose place is

hard to fill. He is succeeded as editor-in-chief of *Georgia Tech* by an A. T. O.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. JESSOP, W. M., and Representative.

INDIANA GAMMA GAMMA.

With pride, Indiana Gamma-Gamma makes her first report to Congress. Our chapter since organization, Nov. 15, '93, has been constantly making improvements, the most striking of which is our new chapter hall. Since returning this fall we have secured and furnished a suite of rooms, centrally located.

This term we have initiated three new men, two of whom were mentioned in our last letter to the PALM, the other being Bro. C. H. Fry, Jr., of Fort Worth, Texas. All of these are upper classmen. As there is no active competition among fraternities here, there being only one other and that one, local, we have not taken any risks with the incoming classes, and will wait until we are better acquainted.

As yet we have not suffered from that rule and believe that we are benefited thereby.

Our chapter is represented in the Editorial Board of our college paper by three editors and two business managers. These honors are mentioned as they are conferred by the faculty and not by vote, and hence are somewhat of an index to our college standing.

As result of the fall examinations, A. T. O.'s held first and second places in the Senior and first and third in the Junior class.

As yet our chapter has not reached the stage of "financial success," but possibly the future has it in store for us.

All of our charter members are with us this year. Our appreciation of the blessing of chapter life is most vivid when we realize that in June we will part with four brothers whose worth A. T. O. has caused us to appreciate, and for whom A. T. O. has given us a warm friendship.

With wishes for a successful Congress and happy New Year,

Fraternally submitted,

E. L. SHANEBERGER, W. S.

F. E. SMITH, Jr., W. M.

LOUISIANA BETA EPSILON.

If the future of Hellenism at a University may be judged by the prospects of the institution itself, that of fraternities at the University of Louisiana is promising indeed. For, though her years of existence are but few, Tulane may now justly claim to be the largest university in the South in extent of buildings, and in the number of her students second to but one alone.

Almost perfect harmony has hitherto existed among the rival



Greeks at our college, and the present outlook promises a similar feeling for the years to come. Last winter a meeting of all the active chapters in the university, seven in number, was called and the subject of forming a local Pan-Hellenic Association long considered. After full discussion, it was the unanimous sentiment that at present such an organization was unnecessary and that its formation should be deferred until some unfortunate need should demand its existence. The fraternities convened also considered whether the building of chapter houses would be beneficial and feasible, and all agreed that, owing to the university's peculiar situation, no effort in that direction should be made for the present. But if ever a rival fraternity does build a chapter house, we can assure our sister chapters that Beta Epsilon will not allow herself to be outdone.

We now have an active chapter of twenty-five, as large and as able as ever entered the college; and that we have ever retained a position of prominence must be acknowledged by rivals who have never gained a man from us in fair and open warfare.

There is one fact of which Beta Epsilon is justly proud. She has never entered the field of politics as a fraternity and to this she mostly attributes her continuous prosperity. It is the opinion of our chapter that this is one of the greatest evils that now threaten fraternities, and she hopes that nowhere Alpha Tau is known as a power in college politics.

Since the report of last Congress, Beta Epsilon has often considered the question of extension, and in assuming her present position she does it after mature deliberation and with full information.

Our chapter is opposed to extension, and thinks that on this point the policy of the fraternity has not hitherto been sufficiently conservative. She thinks that for the next two years all our efforts should be confined to strengthening the present chapters, and she is confident that in this field we can find sufficient opportunities to expend our energies. When every chapter can show itself to be strong in every way, we can then turn our thoughts to new fields of labor.

Brothers Maginnis and Mehle, two of our most active Alumni, are now forming a local Alumni Association, and, as there are over fifty old Alpha Taus in our section, their efforts will no doubt be successful.

It has been the custom in our chapter in the past years to hold a reunion immediately after Congress, and to it we invite all the ladies who wear our cross. This year we will not depart from this custom, and in January we expect nearly a hundred A. T. O.'s to assemble in the Crescent City. There we invite the whole fraternity, and they may then judge of Alpha Tau's fraternity in the far South.

EDWARD RIGHTOR, Delegate.



## MAINE BETA UPSILON.

It is a great pleasure to us to submit to the Congress of 1894 a report of our progress since the meeting of the last Congress. At the time of the meeting of the last Congress we had hardly started on the road to prosperity. The other fraternities were disposed to ignore us, but the untiring efforts of our leaders and the addition of several very desirable men have placed us easily in the first rank. We have initiated twenty men and now have thirty-two active members. This year's initiates are:

Charles P. Crowell, Jr., Orono, Maine.

Walter Dolley, Gorham, Maine.

Walter L. Ellis, Waterville, Maine.

Walter Herald, Calais, Maine.

Harry A. Higgins, Deering, Maine.

Cecil C. Johnson, Fort Fairfield, Maine.

Charles A. Pearce, Fort Fairfield, Maine.

Haller D. Seavey, Bangor, Maine.

Irving C. Swett, Bangor, Maine.

Edwin A. Sturgis, Lewiston, Maine.

A. L. Whipple, Solon, Maine.

These are all '98 men and are a very valuable addition to our numbers. One of these men, Brother Seavey, is a strong candidate for captain of next year's foot-ball team.

In the past two years our men have received the lion's share of the honors. We had no seniors graduate with '93, but in '94 we had the orator, historian, and prophet. The Sophomore prize oration contest was won last year by Brother Urann, and this year by Brother Holyoke. This is the third consecutive year that one of our men has been elected to deliver the Ivy Day Oration. Three of the nine men on the college periodical are A. T. O. men. We have a captain and several minor offices in the Corps of Cadets and members of both foot-ball and base-ball teams.

This year's class is the largest in the history of the college, the whole number of new men almost equaling the number of old men. A decided interest has been awakened in the college in all parts of the state and there is no doubt but what we shall within a few years have the largest number of students of any institution of learning in the state. The requirements for admission are much advanced and with this comes older and more matured students.

We feel safe to say that the next meeting of congress in '96 will find us even stronger than we are now.

Our finances are in very good condition and we have a chapter house fund which is growing steadily. We feel the need of a chapter house very much, but as there are no available houses we cannot get one unless we build. We would be very grateful for

any plans or suggestions which will aid us in this difficulty. As yet the chapter houses of the two fraternities which have them are so unpretentious as to influence a good man very little and we feel able to cope with them successfully, as we have already done.

We have discussed the matters which are to be considered at the Congress and our delegate has power to act according to his best judgment.

W. M. MURPHY, W. M.  
L. R. FOLSOM, Del.

#### MAINE GAMMA ALPHA.

Maine Gamma Alpha would respectfully submit its first delegate report to the fourteenth biennial Congress of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

Since the birth of Gamma Alpha at Colby, June 25, 1892, thirty-two names of brothers have been added to the long list of Alpha Taus.

According to the date of foundation A. T. O. is the fifth fraternity at Colby, among which society rivalry is at a comparatively high degree. Gamma Alpha, in spite of her recent arrival, has been and is recognized on an equal with the older fraternities, and in some respect in advance.

The student body of Colby is made up of 250 odd students, sixteen of whom are loyal wearers of the Maltese Cross.

Gamma Alpha was weakened much by the graduation of '94, which was represented by eleven brothers, who were filled with the true spirit which our noble order inculcates, and took more than their proportionate share of the honors at the disposal of the class and college.

In view of this loss of numbers, the six members returning to college this last fall knew some effective work must be done.

From the largest class entered since the existence of the college, after careful examination, Gamma Alpha selected eight from the class of '98 and two from '96.

All of these ten men we take pride in introducing to the A. T. O. world, and are confident that they will bring honor to our beloved fraternity.

Our chapter roll is made up as follows, by classes: one from '95, three from '97, and eight from '98.

From this it can be seen that Gamma Alpha will lose but one member by the graduation of '95. Fifteen members will be left as a working nucleus for the next collegiate year.

Two excellent and well-known fellows from the fitting school connected with the college have been pledged for next year, so our chapter roll will be much increased by next year's class.

Gamma Alpha has no chapter house and in fact none of the chapters existing in Colby have homes, although some have been founded since 1845.

Gamma Alpha has one of the finest little halls in the city, which is well furnished and the bills for which are receipted.

Gamma Alpha is on a good financial basis and the dues are paid heartily by the members.

In summary Gamma Alpha is proud of her past history and points with pride to her record.

She has been prosperous in the past and the outlook for the future is brighter than in any preceding year.

Gamma Alpha wishes the best of success to attend the doings of Congress and desires to express her greetings to her sister chapters.

Respectfully submitted,  
HOMER T. WATERHOUSE, Delegate.

#### MASSACHUSETTS GAMMA BETA.

Gamma Beta chapter of Alpha Tau Omega begs leave to present the following report:

The chapter is as yet in its infancy, having been instituted in January, 1893. At that time, ten men joined the glorious brotherhood of A. T. O.

At the outset, we encountered a serious obstacle. Our college, like many other Massachusetts institutions, has all the students room in dormitories. Hence all the older fraternities saw long ago the desirability of having chapter houses. We had to have a chapter house and, as we could not buy one, we had to hire one. The expense of such a proceeding was great, but the members responded nobly to the emergency.

We were involved in still more expense the next fall, for the reason that the coy freshmen have to be given numerous banquets and theater parties, in order to make them feel their importance.

We increased our number to eighteen. At the middle of the year, however, four of our men dropped out.

In the spring Brother Page was taken ill; the society attended to his wants, as best it could, until he was obliged to be taken home. In June, he passed quietly away, a member loved and mourned by all who knew him. The chapter attended his funeral in a body, and did all in its power to show its deep sorrow and sympathy.

Last fall we came back full of determination to enlarge and strengthen our chapter. We pledged five men and the future looked bright indeed.

We then experienced a blow most sad and overwhelming, made

more so on account of its suddenness. Brother Bolles, of the class of '96, was unexpectedly taken ill. We immediately brought him to his home, fearing a repetition of that which happened the June before, yet hoping against hope. In spite of the best medical attendance, he sank lower and lower until, on Nov. 9th, our worst fears were realized and Bro. Robert Bolles left this life.

All the members of his chapter were present at his funeral and did their utmost to comfort his sorrowing parents, whose bitter grief was shared equally by us.

Although the youngest fraternity in college, we have made ourselves felt and respected.

Brother Wrenn, the brightest man in '94, a man who held the highest office in his class and who was honored by a degree in Phi Beta Kappa, and who was again honored by receiving from the faculty an instructorship in mathematics with the prospect of becoming professor, is an Alpha Tau.

We are represented in Glee and Banjo Clubs, and have an editor on the college paper and on the Junior Annual. The captain of the foot-ball team last fall was an A. T. O. The captain of the base-ball club for next spring is a member of our glorious organization.

As regards our financial condition, we have no outstanding bills, but are in debt to the general fraternity. We trust that Congress will be lenient with us on account of our recent organization. the expenses which are necessarily involved in renting a house and in buying paraphernalia, and the large amount of money which we were compelled to raise in order to attend, honorably and fraternally, the sad deaths of two of our members, giving the fraternity this assurance, that all outstanding debts will be paid as soon as the Christmas vacation, which we are now having, is over.

Gamma Beta chapter is sure that the fraternity appreciates the strenuous efforts its members have put forth, the self-sacrifices they have made, and the fraternal spirit with which they are imbued, and Alpha Tau Omega can feel certain that Gamma Beta chapter will, in the future as in the past, do all in its power to advance and expand the glorious principles of this noble brotherhood.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE F. MAGUIRE, Delegate.

#### MICHIGAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The Alumni Association of Michigan hold annual meetings in connection with the state organization.

From the Alumni the chapters receive aid and encouragement, and in turn the chapters furnish the Alumni with an increased enthusiasm and with members.

Since last Congress we have received from Beta Omicron, at Albion, five men; from Alpha Mu, at Adrian, four; and from Beta Kappa, at Hillsdale, three men.

Unfortunately, the chapter at the University of Michigan is not strong, but there is a movement on foot which is to come before the state convention which meets this year at Hillsdale, to try to put new life and vigor into the University of Michigan chapter.

We feel confident that the Alumni Association of Michigan is to continue an ever increasing force in advancing the principles of our noble brotherhood.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. LANGWORTHY, Delegate.

MICHIGAN ALPHA MU.

Alpha Mu chapter has twelve active members and four pledged men. In the last two years we have initiated seven men. The number now on our roll is seventeen.

During the last two years we have had a new hall fitted up at an expense of \$250.00. We have added \$50.00 worth of furniture. The chapter is in good working order.

Our college is prospering. Last summer a new dining hall and conservatory of music was erected. The Athletic Association of the college during the summer vacation had an athletic field graded, which is excelled by none in the state.

Last spring Alpha Mu entertained the Michigan state convention.

H. T. STEELE, Delegate.

GUY CLIFTON, Worthy Master.

MICHIGAN BETA KAPPA.

Beta Kappa chapter through her delegate wishes to submit the following report:

At no period of our existence has there been so marked and healthful prosperity as that which is characteristic of our chapter the present school year.

Perfect harmony, unity of effort, and a warm brotherly feeling, are the simple yet all-important elements of the brotherhood of our chapter—doubtless the cause of our true success.

Beta Kappa's star has ever been on the ascendency and to-day without prejudice or malice, we believe we are the leading college fraternity in our school.

The secret of our success has ever been: care in choosing new men, and *supporting them* when chosen.

This is our third year in a chapter house. A long enough time to have demonstrated for us the great practicability and advisability of owning or renting a chapter house.



Since our last report eight men have been initiated and seven men pledged.

The initiates are as follows: C. A. Longworthy, E. C. Keeler, J. P. McDonald, L. C. Wright, S. J. Gier, J. M. Weaver, R. K. Griffith, and J. F. McNaughton.

We now have fourteen active men in our chapter.

Financially we are in good condition, being out of debt, and in a way to accumulate something for future use.

In the Junior Oratorical contest of the Amphychion literary society, Bro. W. H. North was an easy victor, while in the oratorical contest of the Theadelphic Society, H. E. Phelps, one of our brilliant pledged men, received honorable mention.

So, whether in the class room, on the athletic field, or in an oratorical contest, our boys have proven themselves worthy members of the Maltese Cross Brotherhood.

Fraternally submitted,

A. KITCHEN, W. M.

RAY K. GRIFFITH, W. S.

E. C. KEELER, Delegate.

#### MICHIGAN BETA OMICRON.

Beta Omicron presents her report for the year 1893-4 with very much satisfaction. The years have been very prosperous with her as well as with the institution in which she is situated.

The chapter has recently got comfortably located in its new chapter house on E. Erie St., one of the pleasantest locations in the city. The grounds are spacious, there being ample room for tennis courts, and outdoor sports of every kind.

The house itself is large, nicely furnished, fitted throughout with water, electric lights, and heated by a furnace, altogether admirably adapted for the occupation of a fraternity.

All things considered, we are much more pleasantly located than any other Albion fraternity. With only one other rival are we compelled sometimes to share our honors, Sigma Chi.

The chapter roll at present is as follows:

Bros. W. D. Engle—faculty; W. B. Buck, '95; W. A. Cogsall, '95; C. E. Smith, '95; H. A. Lesson, '96; E. B. Thayer, '96; W. A. Johnson, '96; B. S. Hopkins, '96; A. A. Maywood, '96; L. H. Paine, '97; W. E. Burnette, '97; Harry Howe, '97; W. E. Banks, '98; H. L. Cope, '98; V. E. Duncan, '98; B. E. Gill, '98; E. B. Lathan, '98; J. O. White, '98; Harry Daniells, '98.

Pledged men, soon to be initiated:

Carl Jacobs; W. J. Bird; Frank Fall.

We are justly proud of the work that is being done by our Alumni for the chapter and of the honors they are winning for themselves.

Prominent among these are W. H. Whitcomb, of University of Penn., Homer Folks, of New York City.

Chas. Jacobs, '93, after taking master's degree, is student in Amer. University at Athens. A. H. Fum, assistant pastor of one of the largest churches in Minn.

E. R. Dowing, Professor of Sciences at Beloit, Wis.

The State Convention of Michigan Alpha Tau Omega was held at Albion in the spring of '92, and was a grand success. All the Michigan chapters were represented.

As a departure from old customs, our "Conversazioni" have called forth much commendation—(Describe.)

A Pan-Hellenic banquet held this term in our Chapter House was a new feature in this college and was a rousing success.

Our Honors of 1894.

Base-Ball Capt.

Brother Buck.

Base-ball M'g'r.

Brother Cogsall.

Foot-ball team:

Brother Maywood, R. H.

" Cogsall, R. T.

" Gill, R. E.

" Jacobs, R. C.

Also Bro. Chas. Smith, Professor of the Erosophian Literary Society.

Summing up the condition of Beta Omicron, we would say that she is very prosperous, financially and socially, and her prospects for the future are very bright.

LOUIS HENRY PAINE, Delegate.

#### NEW YORK ALPHA OMICRON.

Alpha Omicron can honestly say in this, her sixth report to Congress, that she is stronger to-day than at any period in her history. We quote from our last report: "Nothing but a Chapter House will satisfy us." A year ago we rented a chapter house suited to our needs, and at a convenient distance from the university, which we have comfortably but not elegantly furnished. We are thoroughly convinced that it was a wise move.

We now feel the need of a house of our own and a movement with that end in view has been started. Is it too much to hope that our next report to Congress may announce the erection of a chapter house as the successful outcome of this movement?

We look hopefully toward the future, for St. Lawrence has been steadily improving her curriculum, raising the standard of entrance requirement, and is constantly attracting a larger number and the best class of students. Graduate three men in '93 and four men in class of '94. Initiate since last Congress:

W. H. Murray, '99, Troy, N. Y.; Ernest Robinson, '97, Lisbon,

N. Y.; James L. Rathbun, '97, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charles W. Judson, '97, Norfolk, N. Y.; Archibald W. Fortune, '97, Lawrenceville, N. Y.; Charles W. Appleton, '97, Brockton, Mass.; Clarence J. Austin, '97, Fowler, N. Y.; William T. Sayer, '96, De Kalb, N. Y.; John L. Cummings, '98, Raymondville; Milton H. Stevenson, '98, Canton, N. Y.; Richard S. Terry, '98, Henderson, N. Y.; James H. Gannon, Jr., '98, Canton, N. Y.; Harry M. Conkey, '98, Canton, N. Y.

Active members, seventeen; Alumni brothers, fifty-seven; total, seventy-four.

The delegates of the chapter were instructed to advocate the continuance of our conservative policy in the matter of fraternity extension.

N. F. GRIFFIN, Worthy Master.

G. H. PARTRIDGE, Worthy Scribe.

#### NEW YORK BETA THETA.

For the fourteenth time since its establishment, our most noble brotherhood assembles, and Beta Theta through its delegate extends a most cordial greeting to her sister chapters.

Since our last report Beta Theta has fought nobly for the general fraternity on lines through which she thought the greatest benefit could be obtained. From our position in the greatest fraternity stronghold in the country, we can watch the struggles of twenty-eight chapters of different fraternities. From the success or failure of these and from our experiences as shown by results in our own fraternity we form our policy, from which the greatest benefit may be derived.

As to extension, our views seem to differ considerably from those of some of our sister chapters. We believe in limited extension. In voting on a proposed chapter, we first see whether the university or college is a desirable one. By desirable, we mean a college of good standing in the educational world, not rating them according to the number of students. Our next consideration is as to the number of fraternities already at the college compared with the number of men there. Often in a small college, where there are few men in proportion to the number of fraternities, enough good men may be available to *start a chapter*, but in a few years there is a great liability of these dwindling out, and this occasion calls for either a defunct chapter or for a chapter composed of second rate men. Though we consider a defunct chapter a great deal better than a poor one, it is against our principles to have either. Then again, we have the case of very desirable colleges, where the men selected to start the chapter do not come up to our standard of Alpha Taus, and this case we consider the most serious, as it is

seldom that a chapter at another college is able to get advices concerning the men with whom it is proposed to start a new chapter. Whenever it has been possible, we have carried out this idea, with the result that has been disastrous to one or two proposed chapters.

This leads to a matter which seems to us of great importance. We have on our rolls chapters which we never hear from either through the PALM or through Congress. In the last PALM, there are eighteen chapter letters missing out of an active chapter list of forty-seven. What a brilliant record that is! There are probably excuses for some of these, but oversight certainly cannot be considered an excuse.

Can any one account for the fact that of the ten fraternities represented here at Cornell, which own chapter houses, nine of them are those considered conservative, none having over thirty chapters, while all of those having over thirty chapters, with the one exception mentioned above, rent their houses, as the following table shows?—

Fraternity	No. of Chapters.	Chapter Houses.
Zeta Psi	21	Own
Chi Phi	22	Own
Kappa Alpha	6	Own
Alpha Delta Phi	21	Own
Phi Kappa Psi	35	Rent
Chi Psi	17	Own
Delta Upsilon	29	Own
Delta Kappa Epsilon	35	Own
Theta Delta Chi	22	Own
Phi Delta Theta	69	Rent
Beta Theta Pi	60	Rent
Psi Upsilon	19	Own
Alpha Tau Omega	47	Rent
Phi Gamma Delta	48	Rent
Phi Delta Phi (L. S.)	20	Rent
Phi Sigma Kappa	5	Rent
Delta Tau Delta	38	Rent
Sigma Phi	8	Own
Sigma Chi	47	Rent
Delta Chi (L. S.)	8	Rent
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	51	Rent
Delta Phi	12	Rent
Kappa Sigma	35	Rent

Beta Theta is still making an earnest struggle for a chapter house. About two years ago our scheme was outlined in the PALM, but we regret very much that we cannot report progress, except in the line of experience. We are at present working on another scheme which

will in all probability take definite form early in the coming year.

Since last Congress we can report the initiation of fourteen brothers. In the class of '93 eleven brothers graduated, and with '94 went out eight of our stanchest men. A considerable number (thirteen) have left college for various reasons, so that our active membership is somewhat reduced, numbering at present but twenty, as against thirty-four at the last Congress.

Our greatest loss has been sustained in the death of Bro. Oren Gibson Heilman, followed soon after by the death of Bro. Edmund Pendelton Taylor, both occurring during the summer vacation. Unprepared as we were for the severity of the shock, we have scarcely been able to realize the greatness of our bereavement.

Our heavy running expenses, together with the back debt which necessarily accumulated with the founding of the chapter and which we have gradually been lifting, forced us, much against our will, to ask the indulgence of the W. G. K. E., but now, being very nearly even with the world, we look for two years of unprecedented prosperity before we again make our report.

The following tables furnish statistics in regard to membership:

#### INITIATES SINCE LAST CONGRESS.

Name.	Class.	Address.
Alpheus Fuller Williams.....	'97..	Room 28, Tenth Floor, Mills Building, San Francisco, Cal.
Henry Leavenworth Harris, Jr..	'97..	U. S. M. A., West Point, N. Y.
Richard Hamilton Britton.....	'97.....	New Dorp, N. Y.
Charles Douglass Clinton.....	'97.....	Peekskill, N. Y.
Irving Slaght Whiting.....	'97.....	Bound Brook, N. J.
James Albert Bailey.....	'96.....	Dansville, N. Y.
Fred Roswald Bump.....	'96.....	Binghamton, N. Y.
Frank Sheldon Bump.....	'95.....	Binghamton, N. Y.
Thaddeus Myrick Jones.....	'97....	Manhattan Life Bldg., N. Y.
Frank Otto Affeld, Jr.....	'96.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Joseph Hodgson.....	'97.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Benjamin Stanton Cottrell.....	'97.....	Jamestown, R. I.
John Enoch Rutzler.....	'98.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
John Truman Gorman.....	'98.....	Owego, N. Y.

#### GRADUATED 1893.

C. J. Barr, M. E.....	Lindsay, Ontario.
C. L. Bliss, B. S.....	Ithaca, N. Y.
H. M. Bush.....	52 Lexington Ave., Columbus, O.
B. S. Cushman, B. S.....	Ithaca, N. Y.
F. H. Ferris, LL. B.....	Herendeen & Mandeville, Elmira, N. Y.
E. F. Folsom, M. M. E.....	332 Park Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.





bonds. Our cottage, designed by Bro. Hugh Martin, of New York Beta Theta, and erected under the care and direction of Bro. David A. White, of N. C. Alpha Eta, is a veritable gem—an honor to the chapter and an ornament to the town. It too is to be fully described in the next PALM by Bro. Shep. Brya, now of Atlanta. We had intended that this article, with a cut of the house, should appear in the Dec. PALM, but hope both may be in the next issue. The inner temple is nicely furnished and numerous ornaments given by our ever loyal sisters add much to its already attractive appearance.

In regard to the two most important questions now before the fraternity for consideration, I am instructed to say, first, that we most emphatically declare against promiscuous extension; that we rather prefer to err on the side of conservatism, believing that we should weed rather than extend. Second, that we are inclined to province government and visiting secretaries.

In conclusion I wish to express the chapter's appreciation of the great improvement in our fraternity organ under Brother Ehle's able management, and to endorse him most cordially for re-election to the same post.

In good financial condition, with no bills unpaid, we look forward to a future which shall reflect credit on Alpha Delta's past.

THOS. K. LITTLE.

#### OHIO ALPHA NU.

Ohio Alpha Nu, of Alpha Tau Omega, still maintains her dignified standing at Mount Union College. The chapter now numbers 135 alumni and active members, and there have been but five deaths since its organization thirteen years ago, none of which occurred within the past two years. The chapter now has fourteen active members.

Since the last Congress, the following brothers have been initiated: Paine, Norton, Donecker, March, Rider, Slusser, Hudleston, Douthitt, Hannold, Dufford, Hart, Hershey, Scranton, Norris, Kryder, Robison, Hyde, Eldredge, Jenkins, Thompson and Whitehill—in all twenty-one.

The chapter now has an elegantly furnished hall, is entirely free from debt, and is in a flourishing, prosperous condition. It is engaged in a worthy enterprise at present—that of publishing a souvenir Chapter Catalogue, which is to contain histories of the college, fraternity and chapter, together with the portraits and biographical sketches of all the members.

During the past two years the members of our chapter have been winning a large share of the college honors. In 1893 our chapter had thirteen members in the graduating class. Bro. W. M. Ellett

represented the college in the State Oratorical Contest, winning third place, there being ten contestants; Bro. C. A. Betts was the captain of the College Cadet Corps, and Bro. F. L. Oesch won the gold medal for the highest proficiency in military science. Both these brothers were reported to the Adjutant General of the U. S. Army for promotion. In the annual contest between the two literary societies, both of them were represented in the first two places by A. T. O.'s. Brother Matthias is principal of the Shorthand and Typewriting department, and is a member of the college faculty. Brother Johns during this year was treasurer of the Ohio State Oratorical Association.

In 1894 we had but two men in the graduating class. They won five out of the eight honors *pro merito*, upon commencement day. Brother Donecker won the scholarship prize, the medal for the highest proficiency in military science. He was senior captain of the Cadet Corps, and was reported to the Adjutant General for promotion. Brother Geiger won the commercial scholarship prize. In the Inspector General's report of the seventeen colleges west of the Alleghenies having Military Departments, Mount Union College was ranked first. This standing was attained through the able and efficient work of the Commandant, Bro. Evan M. Johnson, Jr., Lt. 19th Inf. U. S. A., who represented our chapter in Congress two years ago. This year Brother Ake is the Senior Cadet Captain, Brother Johns is Adjutant, and Brother Marsh is the Sergeant Major.

Our chapter was honored this season with the management of the foot-ball team, the treasurership of the Athletic Association, while eight members of the college foot-ball team were A. T. O.'s. Brother Johns, '96, has been for two years director of the Gymnasium.

Our chapter has been at the top among the Greek letter fraternities of our college the past two years, and by hard, faithful work we expect to maintain our present standing.

Committee on Report,

W. L. HART.

F. L. AKE.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT S. JOHNS, Del.

OHIO ALPHA PSI.

Since our last Congress, Alpha Psi is glad to report one of the brightest and best epochs in her history. Our efforts have met with success on every hand and we are pleased to say that we are on the best footing in our history. We have expended about \$700 on refurnishing our hall, and have, we think, as fine a hall as there is in the State, and money in the exchequer. The chapter enrolls thirteen men at the present time, with three pledged men.

During the last two years we have initiated thirteen men, lost nine by graduation, and three have left college.

Brother Bliss affiliated with Beta Lambda, Mich., Bro. H. Moyer with Beta Theta and Bro. A. J. Moyer is in the class of '96 at Harvard.

Our men are in the fore front in scholarship, athletics and every other line. On the state champion foot-ball team we have two of the best players and the manager.

We have almost every variety of mankind, from the astute Senior to the verdant Freshman, from the wise man to the punster, from the gentleman of leisure to the laborious youth, from the ladies' man to the bachelor, and beside these we have the pretty girls.

We have also started a chapter house fund and hope in the near future to live in an A. T. O. home.

We have, through the efforts of our Brother McGrew, of the city, a City Alumni Association, which meets in our halls once a month.

With best wishes for Alpha Tau Omega, we are fraternally,

W. A. STOUGH, W. M.

A. B. LEAMER, Delegate.

#### OHIO BETA ETA.

To all our Grand Officers and the delegates here assembled, Ohio Beta Eta extends fraternal greeting; and begs leave to submit the following report of its work since our last Congress:

Ohio Beta Eta is located at the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. Delaware is a beautiful little college town, numbering about 10,000 inhabitants. The college with its twelve hundred students is the life of the community. The endowment of the Ohio Wesleyan, together with its buildings and campus, is over one million dollars. Since our last Congress "University Hall and Gray Chapel" has been built at a cost of a hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. This chapel is conceded by competent judges to be the finest college chapel in the world. It seats three thousand people, and contains a twenty thousand dollar Rosevelt concert pipe organ. Seventy-five thousand dollars has just been given for the erection of a new stone library building.

About two months since the Ohio Wesleyan celebrated her fiftieth birthday, and it was a very joyful occasion.

Eleven literary societies flourish in the O. W. U., and the banners of nine fraternities are planted in her soil.

In the order of their establishment they are as follows: Beta Theta Pi; Sigma Chi; Phi Delta Theta; Phi Kappa Psi; Delta Tau Delta; Phi Gamma Delta; Chi Phi; Alpha Tau Omega; Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Two of these are at a very low ebb, viz., Sigma Chi, and Chi Phi. Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Delta Theta are the three foremost fraternities now in the O. W. U.



Since last Congress the Angel of Death has not visited our chapter nor any of its Alumni. It has been the painful duty of the chapter to expel two of its members, viz., Harold Burgess and Chas. Seaton. Yet, on the other hand, it has been its great pleasure to show ten noble young fellows into the mysteries of our grand brotherhood.

Since our last report six of our men have been graduated from the University, while ten have been initiated: Oliver P. Fritchle, Ellis O. DeCamp, Walter B. Pearson, Adelbert A. Henderson, Frank S. Griffis, John B. Braden, affiliated from Ohio Beta Mu, Paul R. Said, Frank J. House, Harlan W. Bradshaw, and Eugene E. Naylor.

This year we have an active chapter of ten men, while six splendid young fellows in the Preparatory Department have pledged themselves to us.

The present chapter roll is as follows:

A. A. Henderson, Olentangy, Ohio; Ellis O. DeCamp, Hartwell, Ohio; Oliver P. Fritchle, Mt. Hope, Ohio; Wm. R. Bass, Mulberry, Ohio; Harlan W. Bradshaw, Columbus, Ohio; Walter B. Pearson, Cincinnati, Ohio; Frank J. House Deshler, Ohio; Paul R. Said, Ostrander, Ohio; Eugene E. Naylor, Delaware, Ohio; and John B. Braden, Canton, Ohio.

A goodly share of college honors has come to our chapter.

Brother Carpenter was Editor-in-Chief of the last *Bijou*, and president of the college Republican Club for two years. Brother Wallis was president of one of the gentlemen's literary societies and of the Senior Lecture Committee. Brother Neilson was chosen out of the first five in his class to speak at last Commencement. He was also on the staff of one of the college papers. Brother Bass was treasurer of the Athletic Association and held a position on the Executive Committee of the Association. This same position is now held by a member of our fraternity.

Brother Bass also fills well the position of pitcher on the baseball team, and half back on the 'varsity eleven.

Brother DeCamp holds a place on the staff of one of the college papers.

Brother Henderson has won the reputation of being the finest mathematician in college.

This year we will lose but one Senior by graduation, and we hope to return next fall with an active chapter of fourteen.

Our prospect is bright. We have our battles, 'tis true, but the Blue and Gold are ever in the ascendency, and we come off more than conquerors. We have won the respect of both students and faculty, and with plenty of vim and vigor we are sure of victory.

Our chapter hall is located in one of the finest blocks in town and it is fitted out with all our paraphernalia. This term we have



received the inspiration of a visit from our Worthy Grand Chief, and the good results of his visit are still evident among us.

With best wishes for our sister chapters and for the greatest success of dear old Alpha Tau, we respectfully submit this report.

WALTER B. PEARSON, Delegate.

A. A. HENDERSON, Worthy Master.

OLIVER P. FRITCHLE, Worthy Scribe.

#### OHIO BETA OMEGA.

Beta Omega Chapter of Ohio begs leave to submit the following report:

Since the last meeting of Congress we have enjoyed a fruitful growth in membership and in strength. Since our last report we have initiated twelve men, swelling the total number of men who have been initiated into our chapter to thirty. We are very fortunate in receiving from our sister chapters a goodly number of affiliates, who have in every case been efficient and faithful members of the local chapter. The University Law School has also recalled several of our elder brothers to their *alma mater*, and they have re-entered zealously the work of the fraternity, making our chapter a power in that department of the University. Our present chapter has an active membership of eighteen men, regularly distributed throughout the different departments of the University. We have, in addition, some seven active affiliates residing in the city.

In its financial support of the general fraternity our chapter is slightly in arrears, not through any willful negligence of its own, but wholly on account of the temporary local expense incident to going into a chapter house. We are, however, upon a firm financial basis, well supported by our alumni, and shall make up all deficiency before the end of the college year.

Our chapter house is, by common consent, the finest at this University. It contains fifteen rooms, all modern conveniences, and is beautifully located near the college grounds. A cordial invitation to visit us is extended to all Alpha Taus who may happen through our city.

In every department of college life our chapter is well represented, and in the majority of cases has the leadership. In all literary contests, it is the rule and not the exception to see Alpha Taus represent their societies, classes or clubs. It is a significant fact that, during the three years of our existence, not a single brother has ever been compelled to leave the University on account of inefficiency in his studies, which is something very few chapters here can say.

An enumeration of our college honors for this year may serve to give an idea of our general character and of our standing in the Uni-

versity. We have at present (1) Editor-in-Chief of the *Lantern* (the representative university organ), (2) President and two members of the Students' Senate, (3) President of the Oratorical Association, (4) President and Secretary of Political Science Association, (5) President of the Junior Law Class, (6) President of the Senior Law Class, (7) Ranking Captain in the battalion, (8) Leading member of the Dramatic Club, (9) Two Contestants on the oratorical contest and numerous other smaller honors.

With hopes for the continued growth of our National Fraternity, and that we may be one of her most useful members, we are,  
Fraternally yours.

Ohio Beta Omega of Alpha Tau Omega.

U. S. BRANDT, Worthy Master.

A. M. CLOVER, Worthy Scribe.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA IOTA.

I have the honor to submit to this Fourteenth Biennial Congress the Seventh Report of Pennsylvania Alpha Iota, commencing with the termination of the last congress.

The condition of Alpha Iota during the last two years has been such as to make both the alumni and active members feel very proud. During the last year we have had our rooms entirely repapered and re-painted, we added another large portiere to our furnishings, we have re-carpeted our parlor, furnished another card and smoking room, and have made some valuable additions to our reading room by adding nearly a hundred volumes to our library by starting a file of many of the best magazines. All these improvements, in addition to all those which had been made before, make our quarters delightfully cozy. Our rooms are the means of uniting our brothers more closely, especially in the study of the Secret Work and fraternity workings. Special meetings for this purpose are held weekly.

We have no rivals, that is, we do not consider any of the fraternities here as rivals, as they are weak both in principle and in membership.

Since our last report we have initiated ten men, all of whom, we are sure, have added more laurels to those of Alpha Iota in her ever onward victorious course towards that goal which all Alpha Taus strive to reach. They are the following:

John Elmer Sandt, '95,  
Harry Kauffman Lantz, '96,  
Paul Zeller Strodach, '96,  
George Frederick Kuhl, '97,  
Eli Silvester Mantz, '98,  
Robert Abraham Kistler, '98,

Sandt's Eddy, Penn.  
Lebanon, Penn.  
Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Allentown, Penn.  
Slate Dale, Penn.  
Allentown, Penn.

Benjamin Frank Rinn, '98,	Allentown, Penn.
Wellington Calvin Pfeuger, '98,	Allentown, Penn.
George Frederick Erdman, '98,	Quakertown, Penn.
Paul McKnight, '99,	Reading, Penn.

The present membership is sixteen. We have re-instated Emanuel J. Senn. While taking all these trusted and true brothers into our midst, we found one amongst us whom we were forced to expell for gross disloyalty, during the year of 1893; he was Oswald W. Hacker.

Although Alpha Taus are high in social circles in Allentown, still they attain the highest pinnacle of scholarship at their college. For the class of '93, Bro. P. Geo. Sieger won first honor and the Ettinger gold medal for scholarship. Bros. Harry A. Yetter and Edwin J. Mosser had Honorable Mention at graduation. In the class of '94, Bro. W. H. S. Miller took first honor and the Ettinger medal. Bro. D. A. Miller had Honorable Mention at graduation. Bro. M. S. Hottenstein, '96, won the Botanical Prize at the last commencement. In the literary work done at our college Alpha Taus have always been prominent. On the editorial staff of our college annual the *Ciarla*, for 1893, Bro. D. A. Miller was editor-in-chief, and Bros. A. V. Heyl and W. H. S. Miller were on his staff, while Bro. M. W. Gross was business manager. On the *Ciarla* for 1894, Brother Sandt was one of the artists. On the forthcoming volume, Brothers Cooper and Henry are on the editorial staff, and Strodach and Hottenstein are the artists. Brother Sandt is editor-in-chief of our college monthly, *The Muhlenberg*; Brothers Hottenstein and Shindel are on his staff. In the literary societies of the institution Alpha Taus continuously wave the gavel.

Although Alpha Iota is comparatively young since her reorganization in 1889, still many of her alumni have reaped high political, social, and professional honors, too numerous to mention at this time and place.

These are some of the things which the Alpha Taus of Alpha Iota have done; yet we are not satisfied, striving always to place the banner of Alpha Tau Omega upon the topmost points of honor and fame.

On the questions of good fraternity government Alpha Iota is always willing to lend a zealous hand for the good of our Order, but she refuses to aid any clique towards governing the fraternity.

On the question of a Provincial System we are strenuously opposed; we think that this system carried on as we see it, the fraternity governed as it now is, in comparison as it is proposed, would be as a "house divided against itself." But we favor the scheme of having visiting secretaries.

Alpha Iota opposes the publication of a Fraternity Directory

or Catalogue. We think that the cost would be exorbitant for the benefits accrued. This work would never be a complete one unless there would be a yearly edition thereof, and the expense, we believe, would be too great a drain on the Exchequer of our Fraternity.

On extension, we think that chapters should be placed wherever there is any desirable opening; believing that there are just as good fraternity men and as large a per cent of them at the smaller institutions as there are at the larger and wealthier ones.

Alpha Iota prides herself, and we think justly, because all her PALM dues are "paid up." She does not find it such a hard matter to do this and the only explanation for this failure in doing a duty pledged to our fraternity is the lack of spirit, and chapters who have such a lack of spirit should be stricken from the roll of membership.

Our financial condition is excellent, and if the future of all the chapters is as dazzling as ours is, they shall neither suffer nor want.

MAX S. ERDMAN, Delegate.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA RHO.

Since our last report this chapter has initiated eleven men. They are Brothers:

C. A. Moore.....	Hammonton, N. J.
W. R. Goss.....	Union, S. C.
H. Bigler.....	Harrisburg, Pa.
W. K. Dunbar.....	Pittsburg, Pa.
H. C. Tschady.....	Smyrna, Del.
C. C. O'Donnell.....	Connellsville, Pa.
W. E. Rhue.....	Allentown, Pa.
F. A. Boyer.....	Pine Grove, Pa.
H. S. Van Kirk.....	McKeesport, Pa.
H. R. James .....	Braddock, Pa.
C. W. Quarrier.....	Charleston, W. Va.

During this period we have lost by graduation and other causes seven of our number. This leaves our chapter roll now containing fourteen names.

At the last Congress ten Alpha Taus were reported at Lehigh. It has been our aim to keep the chapter number at about fifteen. So far we have succeeded. This fills our house comfortably and allows us to put aside, from our monthly dues, a small sum for a rainy day. Our bank account is not large, but we have no debts. We have thought it better to invest our money in improvements to our home than to allow it to remain idle. Following out this idea, we have been enabled to refurnish our parlor and sitting-room this year, besides adding pieces of furniture where needed.



There are fifteen fraternities represented at Lehigh and we think we have as nice a home as any.

There seems to have been some misunderstanding as to the sentiment of this chapter in regard to fraternity extension. Our idea on this subject differs with that held by some others. Our position is this: we favor founding a chapter in any *desirable* institution. We do not consider every institution which is styled a college or university *desirable*. A chapter in these second rate colleges, in our opinion, does a great deal more harm than good. Such chapters are liable to become merely local clubs and such an organization would be anything but an honor to the Maltese Cross. Let us, to say the least, be conservative in granting charters.

We have to report to this Congress the death of one of our alumni members. Samuel Davis Langdon passed over the river on to the great unknown shore on January 13th, 1893. He was a member of the class of '87. While we shall never again see him here, we hope to meet him in the future home of all true and faithful Alpha Taus.

With fraternal greetings to all sister chapters, we are

Fraternally yours,

Pennsylvania Alpha Rho.

H. S. JAUDON, Worthy Master.

W. K. DUNBAR, Worthy Scribe.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA UPSILON.

Since our last report we have initiated the following:

Frank N. Emmert, George E. Hipsley, A. Roland Warner, James P. Michler, John W. Cable, White Hutton, Joseph Enniss, Maurice R. Zullinger, James A. McCallister.

The following brothers have graduated: F. M. Bortner, '93; Wm. Ammon, '93; Wm. Vastine, '93; George Hipsley, '93; W. O. Nicklas, '94; Paul W. Koller.

The following have left college before finishing the course: Joseph Hay, who has gone to the University of Pennsylvania, and affiliated with the Pennsylvania Tau chapter; Chas. Emmert; A. R. Warner, who has gone to the University of Pennsylvania, and affiliated with Pennsylvania Tau; John W. Cable; T. N. Emmert, who has gone to the University of Virginia, and affiliated with Virginia Delta chapter.

Since our last report the chapter has purchased a pool table, and placed it in a room adjoining the hall which was furnished for that purpose.

Since our last report we have expended in money for various purposes, \$532.36, and received \$541.88, leaving a balance in the exchequer of \$9.52. Balance due the exchequer by Alumni, \$48.72.



Total amount paid in the exchequer and due the exchequer, \$590.60.

The chapter is free from all indebtedness.

In the class of '93 we were represented by W. L. Ammon as one of the orators on class day. On the foot-ball team of '93, we were represented by P. W. Koller as Q. B., and W. H. Menges as right tackle; and in base-ball by W. M. Vastine as Assistant Manager. In field sports of '93 and '94, by W. O. Nicklas, who was also considered by the college as our best gymnast. He was also president of his class and had charge of class day exercises. On the foot-ball team of '94, we were represented by P. W. Koller as Q. B.; W. H. Menges as R. T.; and Muhle as R. E.

W. H. Menges has been elected by his class as business manager of the '96 *Spectrum*, our college annual.

The chapter numbers at present eight active members; two Alumni in the Seminary, two Alumni in the town, and one in the faculty.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. MENGES, Delegate.

PENNSYLVANIA TAU.

I beg to submit the following report:

This is the fifth year of the re-organization of Pa. Tau and in this year we note the period of greatest vigor and enthusiasm in the chapter. We have now twenty members, seven of whom are affiliates. We have initiated since last Congress nine men. Four of these have been initiated in this session. Three are pledged, and fifteen are on the roll of proposal. We have men in the Medical, Academic, Scientific, Dental and Law departments. The possibilities of a chapter in Pennsylvania, with its 2,400 students, are almost limitless. We have a nicely furnished chapter house. There is a debt on the chapter of about \$300; but about half of this has been guaranteed by members of the chapter. We have to record the death of Bro. Clarence Bayne. He was an exemplary A. T. O., a lovable man and a good friend. The great loss we have felt in his death is shared by the whole University. He was the idol of the students.

Finally, we protest most emphatically against the *manner* of organization of the chapter at Brown University. We knew nothing of this proposed chapter until advised that it was established, and Penn. Tau wants to go on record as objecting to such management of such important affairs.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY D. JUMP, Delegate.

RHODE ISLAND GAMMA DELTA.

Chapter Gamma Delta of Rhode Island had its inception in the

spring of the present year, and was instituted as a Chapter in Brown University at the opening of the college year in September.

On receiving the necessary papers, a meeting was held, at which an organization was effected. September 21st was the date on which this infant chapter began its growth. Eight men took upon themselves the requirements of Alpha Tau Omega and became charter members of Gamma Delta of Rhode Island: Brothers Maynard, '95, and Nott, '96, formerly of Vermont Beta Zeta; H. B. Horton, and A. A. Kempton, '96; J. P. Coombs, J. W. Emery, F. D. Perkins, and J. C. Robbins, of '97. Brother Nott has been untiring in his efforts to organize this chapter and make it the peer of any fraternity in our college. The members have nobly seconded his efforts towards the same end. As a result of our activity, six more men have been received, making our present total number fourteen.

Our policy has been somewhat conservative in securing new members, and, as a result, we look upon our acquisitions with some pride. They are all men of prominence in college. The following list of initiates completes our roll at present: G. E. Coghill, S. A. McComber and W. F. Miner, of '96; F. L. Hall, '97; F. E. Hopkins and D. F. O'Brien, of '98. We have also a number of other men in view and hope to have twenty members in Gamma Delta before the year closes. There is an abundant field for choice, since one half of the members of the University are non-fraternity men.

We have a room which we are furnishing as fast as our resources will allow. The room is quite near the campus and our aim is to make it a pleasant rendezvous for the members at all times. Our membership is a strong and representative one. Brothers Coombs, Emory and Nott fill with credit the respective positions of center rush, left tackle and right tackle on the foot-ball team. The last named player, Brother Nott, is considered by many to be the best tackle who has played the game this season. Brother McComber is captain of the Athletic Team, and holds the college record for the high jump. Brothers Nott, Coghill, Coombs, Hall and O'Brien are sure of making the same team the coming season. All our athletes are more than average scholars, a rather remarkable fact and one of which we are justly proud. Brothers Maynard and Coghill are members of the Brown Symphony Orchestra, and Brother Coombs is on the Glee Club.

In an inter-class relay race this fall three teams of the four were captained by Alpha Taus: Brothers McComber, Hall and O'Brien. The president of the Junior Class is Brother Nott, who is also our chapter representative on the college annual, published by the Greek Letter Fraternities. I need not enumerate the virtues of each separate member; suffice it to say that we form an harmonious unit for progress. We give our heartiest greetings to the present

Congress of Alpha Tau Omega. It is *our first*. May it be *the best* for all.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES P. NOTT, W. M.

ALVAN A. KEMPTON, W. S.

TENNESSEE BETA PI.

We have initiated into our beloved order since the last meeting of Congress, fourteen men, who have won by their gentlemanly behavior, their sterling manhood and scholarly attainments, the richest prize that could be bestowed upon them—that is, of wearing the Maltese Cross.

We are pleased to say to this august body that Beta Pi Chapter brings this report to you with a clean financial record—we owe no fraternity dues—our initiation fees have been sent in and our PALM subscriptions have been paid.

Our chapter numbered at the last meeting of Congress eleven, now it is increased to twenty-one; at the last meeting we were much in debt on account of expenses contracted by chapters that preceded us, to-day we are free from debt; at that time we were at the foot of Greek letter societies in Vanderbilt University, to-day we are contesting for first place; then we thought all lost if some of the stronger fraternities "spiked" a man that we wanted, now we take men and honors from them that they exert every effort to secure. Then A. T. O. did not mean what it should at our University, but to-day, brothers, it means something; it means that our record is good both in the class-room and on the athletic field; it means that our triumphs socially are a complement to our victories intellectually; it means that our chapter is composed of men that will do honor to themselves and credit to the fraternity at large by living lives that wearers of the Maltese ought to live and by striving to place our sacred emblem on the breast only of those whose characters are strong enough to bear this weighty honor. And with it all, brothers, it means that we love and honor and cherish the memory of our noble founders, one of whom is permitted by Divine Providence to be with us on this occasion, and it means that we are trying to live and be benefited by the teachings that our worthy founders have handed down to us, so that they may view with pride the progress of this noble order, which they have founded, not only for us, but for thousands who will wear the badge and live the principles which it symbolizes when we have passed away.

At Vanderbilt we have no chapter house, but we are working for one and hope that in a few years we may hold our meetings in a house of our own.

At present our chapter holds its sessions in rooms at the Maxwell House, in the city.

We are in favor of fraternity extension, but would urge the granting of charters only in strong institutions with good endowments.

We think much good is done by meeting once a year in a state meeting and would urge the chapters in states that have no gathering of this kind to commence planning for one next year; it will do your chapter good and it will extend the good influence of Alpha Tau Omega.

We believe in a conservatism which opens the doors of our fraternity only to men of brain and of principle. We want *men* far more than we want numbers. Alpha Tau Omega has only commenced her great work at our University, but we will never be satisfied with anything less than first place—we believe it is hers by right of the principles which she advocates and we pledge ourselves here before the delegates from chapters from all sections of our united land and say that at the next meeting of Congress, Beta Pi chapter will lead the Greek letter fraternities in Vanderbilt University.

E. K. TURNER, Worthy Master.

HARVEY B. GREER, Worthy Scribe.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA PHI.

Alpha Phi regrets that she was without representation at the Congress held in Nashville, Tenn. Her last official report having been given at Richmond, four years ago, her present report should cover the period passed over since then, but as, in the main, it would be but a recounting of a hard struggle for existence, she would beg leave to be brief, and tell only of her recent success and prosperity.

From a state of gloom and doubt our college has passed into a state of assured brightness. Fraternity life throbbed anew with the revived college. Alpha Phi this year had two men back, and was reinforced by two more, one an Alumni of Alpha Phi, the other an affiliate from Beta Phi. Three men were taken in, making our number seven, all true, honest, earnest fellows, having at all times the welfare and glory of Alpha Tau Omega very near their hearts.

I could, in this report, bore you excessively by telling of all the honors won and achieved by our men in the political, athletic, social and literary circles of our college, but at this time will not do so. Suffice it to say that Alpha Phi's desire is to push onward, always cherishing as dearest to her heart the maxims and principles taught by our glorious order.

At a banquet recently given to our Alumni an attempt was made to revive the S. C. Alumni Association. It was met by a hearty response from those present. We hope to see this movement permanent and in future years to be able to boast of a strong Alumni association.



Alpha Phi concurs with what our brother from Tulane said last evening, concerning our future action as regards extension. We think that the growth should be intensive rather than extensive.

Respectfully submitted, Alpha Phi.

MELTON CLARK, W. M.  
W. T. GREEN, W. S.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA BETA PHI.

Although Beta Phi is one of the youngest chapters at Wofford College, she has gained such a reputation that she is considered the peer of any of the older chapters. There are now seven fraternities at Wofford College: Chi Psi, Chi Phi, Kappa Alpha, Southern, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha and Alpha Tau Omega; between all of which exists a vigorous but friendly and wholesome rivalry. From the very beginning Beta Phi has been scrupulously particular in the choice of her members, and never invites one to join until fully assured that he would be a worthy wearer of our cross. This alone has done much to secure to Beta Phi the esteem in which she is held by the other fraternities.

From last year's chapter we lost five men, leaving but three to begin this year's work, but we have already initiated one young man and pledged three others, whom we shall initiate after the Christmas holidays. Our members are plucky and enterprising and the chapter's outlook is more promising than it has been for some time.

Since our last Congress we have initiated only four men, all of whom have proven themselves loyal and enthusiastic Alpha Taus.

It is gratifying to report that Beta Phi has never lost a member by death.

The chapter is entirely out of debt and still has money in the exchequer, although the demands this year have been heavier than usual.

We still meet in rented halls, which, however, are well furnished and convenient. Beta Phi intends to build a chapter house at a future day. The beginning of the chapter house fund is small as yet, but we have started and mean to work at it until we have raised enough to build a creditable chapter house, remembering that "large oaks from little acorns grow."

All of which is fraternally submitted,

J. ERIC WARNOCK, Worthy Master.  
W. E. MENG, Worthy Scribe.

#### TENNESSEE ALPHA TAU.

It is with pleasure that we submit the following report, dating from the last Congress, since which time every effort of this chap-



ter has been crowned with success, and we continue to hold the first place in the Greek letter world of Southwestern Presbyterian University.

The session of '93 and '94 opened prosperously for us, eight Alpha Taus returned to the University, and during the term we initiated seven new brothers, not failing to secure every man we invited to join us. Since our last report we have added twelve names to our roll, giving us now a total membership of sixty-eight, and total number of initiates in the twelve years of our existence is seventy-four.

Death has once entered our ranks, removing from our circle our beloved Bro. Jno. W. Abbott, of New Orleans, La., on Nov. 22nd, 1893. Brother Abbott died of typhoid fever after an illness of two weeks. He was tenderly nursed and cared for by the chapter, and everything possible was done for his comfort, and to ease his sufferings. No man has ever held the position in the University that Jack Abbott had, among professors, fraternities or aliens. It was the unanimous desire of the student body to have his remains interred in Clarksville Cemetery, and to erect a monument to his memory, such was their love and respect for him. By request, of his family his remains were taken to his native city, accompanied by a delegate from the chapter, also one from the student body, and one from the Palmer Homiletic Society. Never will the name of our deceased brother be forgotten by his associates; to know him, was to love him. His active co-operation and wise advice upon the floor of the last Congress will, no doubt, be remembered by many present.

At present our chapter has a membership of eighteen, eleven of whom are active members, and seven "fratres in urbe." We have initiated four men this session, all of whom are of the very best fraternity material and take a great interest in everything which is for the good of Alpha Tau. We recognize the importance of being conservative in selecting our new men, and are never in a hurry to initiate a man, until he is well known. If this plan were always adhered to, by all of our chapters, there would be fewer expulsions to report.

We rent a convenient and commodious chapter hall and have it nicely furnished; we have just added a complete set of paraphernalia as prescribed in the Secret Work.

Our weekly meetings are full of interest, enjoyment and fraternity enthusiasm, a portion of the time is spent in studying and discussing the Constitution and Secret Work, finding this a means of making the brothers more loyal and keeping constantly before them the principles of our noble brotherhood.

We are proud of a clean financial record, both to the fraternity in general and to the PALM. We always make it one of our first

duties to send full payment for the PALM in advance, never owe any bills, and keep a small surplus in the exchequer.

A full directory of our chapter was compiled and sent to W.G.K. A. Booth, together with twenty-five subscriptions, within five months after the adjournment of the last Congress. We are exceedingly anxious to see a Directory published and would urge Congress to take some active measures in that direction.

Alpha Tau Chapter has had her share of the University honors, both in the class room, on the rostrum, in the literary societies and in athletics, and as these have all been duly reported through the PALM we consider it unnecessary to repeat them in this report.

We favor fraternity extension, and also the provincial system or some plan similar to it, by which means the chapters will be kept in closer communion. We see the need of a good A. T. O. song-book, and wish that one could be arranged and published.

Peace and tranquility reign among the different Greeks at S.W. P. U., although a strong spirit of rivalry exists.

With best wishes and brotherly love to every Alpha Tau, this report is cheerfully submitted.

E. W. BEARDEN, W. M.  
B. E. LELAND, W. S.

#### TENNESSEE OMEGA.

It is with pleasure that Tenn. Omega submits the following annual report to her sister chapters:

The following is the roll for the close of the year 1893-'94:

#### FRATRES IN FACULTATE.

B. Lawton Wiggins, M. A., Vice-Chancellor of the University.  
W. B. Nauts, M. A., Assistant Professor in Ancient Languages.

#### FRATRES IN URBE.

Rt. Rev. C. T. Quintard, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Tennessee.  
Rt. Rev. Thos. F. Gailor, M. A., S. T. D., Assistant Bishop of Tennessee.  
R. L. Colmore, P. S. Brooks.

#### FRATERS IN THEOLOGIA.

Harry Easter, '95.....Tennessee  
J. W. Cantey Johnson, '95.....South Carolina  
J. Craik Morris, M. A., '95.....Kentucky  
W. H. DuBose, M.A., '97. ....South Carolina

#### FRATERS IN MEDICINA.

Conness Shepherd, '96.....Mexico  
L. E. Kelton, '96.....Texas

## FRATRES IN ACADEMIA.

Wm. M. Barnwell.....	South Carolina
Percy Brown.....	Tennessee
Charles B. Colmore.....	Tennessee
Edgar H. Farrar, Jr.....	Louisiana
Wm. H. Gaston, Jr.....	Texas
Wm. Henderson, Jr.....	Louisiana
Robert F. McMillan.....	New York
W. W. Memminger.....	South Carolina
C. Cotesworth Pinckney.....	South Carolina
Wm. C. Robertson.....	Texas
Grant Shepherd.....	Mexico
A. H. R. Woodward.....	Alabama
Arthur Rutledge Young.....	South Carolina

The student membership at the end of the year is eighteen; faculty and residents, six. Total, twenty-four.

University honors have been as follows: President of Pan-Hellenic Convention, President and Orator of Sigma Epsilon Literary Society, Brother W. C. Robertson. Latin Medal, Brother R. W. B. Elliott. First Honor Medal in Medical Department, Brother H. O. Carmichael. Editor-in-Chief of the *Sewanee Times*, Vice-President of Class of '94, and President of Senior German Club, Brother J. Y. Garlington. President of Medical Class of '94, Brother W. N. Shaw. President of Southern Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association and Head Proctor, Brother J. Craik Morris. Manager of Dramatic Club, Brother W. W. Memminger.

In a social way the brothers have been quite prominent. Brother Memminger took a leading part in the presentation of "Antigone" by the Greek Department. Five brothers are members of the Dramatic Club, three of the Executive Committee of the Athletic Association.

In Athletics, Brother A. R. Shepherd, Jr., was Captain and "full-back" of the Football eleven. Brothers Grant and Conness Shepherd were "guards." Brothers Carmichael and Fishburne represented us on the 'Varsity Baseball nine. Brother Conness Shepherd took the Medal for "hammer" and "shot" on Field Day.

Dr. Gailor's election to the position he now holds meant a new Vice-Chancellor. Brother Wiggins, an Alpha Tau from student days, has been elected to occupy this important post. Besides being a thorough scholar, he is eminently practical, and much is expected of him. Brother Nauts, also an old student, has been elected Assistant Professor in Ancient Languages.

It should be stated that three brothers, in addition to those mentioned have parted our company: Brothers McKellar, Hamman, and Shaw. The first is as loyal an A. T. O. as can be found. He

has been teaching here for several years and we regret his leaving, and yet must give him and his bride our best wishes for their happiness and prosperity.

Last summer being the 25th Anniversary of the University, A. T. O. thought it well that the oldest chapter in the University should fall in line and note the occasion by a special entertainment. This we did, and many good words were said in the proper manner. A reception was held in our beautiful little stone house, and this was followed by a dance in Sewanee's dance hall. We all hope that both the chapter and our institution may prosper in the quarter of century before us, as has been the case in the years that are past.

Greetings to all brothers in Alpha Tau Omega.

C. C. PINCKNEY, Delegate.

#### VIRGINIA BETA.

Virginia Beta Chapter, since its last report, has witnessed the most prosperous years of its existence. At the beginning of session '93-'94 Bros. Eason, Bell, Patton and Bryan responded to their names. Brother Patton was the only initiate of '92-'93, Brother Bryan having affiliated from Ga. Alpha Theta. Before the session closed, however, the following men were initiated:

L. C. Phillips.....	Portsmouth, Va.
S. W. Marshall.....	Portsmouth, Va.
E. C. Love.....	Quincy, Fla.
H. B. Lewis.....	Honey Brook, Pa.
J. Sam Slicer.....	Montvale, Va.

These with Bro. C. E. Davis, of Madison, Fla., who affiliated from Fla. Alpha Omega, making ten in all, composed the chapter of '93-'94. As Brothers Lewis and Marshall withdrew before the end of the session and Brothers Phillips, Love, Patton, Eason and Davis graduated in June, only Brothers Bell and Bryan returned, Brother Slicer being compelled to remain at home on account of sickness. Soon after the session opened, Brother Hammat affiliated from Ohio Beta Rho. There has been but two initiates so far this term: C. C. Tutwiler, of Lexington, Va., and Herbert R. Drewry, of Petersburg, Va. We hope, however, to increase our number before the session closes. Although our membership this year is small, Virginia Beta has no fears for the future, our financial condition is good and a lively movement has been started looking to the building of a chapter house. Besides our own, there are eleven other Greek letter fraternities represented in Washington and Lee University. They are as follows, with date of organization of chapter and present number of members:

Phi Kappa Psi, established in 1855, membership 8.



Kappa Alpha (Southern) established in 1865, membership 6.

Sigma Chi, established in 1866, membership 6.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, established in 1867, membership 4.

Phi Gamma Delta, established in 1868, membership 8.

Kappa Sigma, established in 1873, membership 2.

Sigma Nu, established in 1882, membership 16.

Phi Theta Psi, established in 1886, membership 10.

Phi Delta Theta, established in 1887, membership 6.

Pi Kappa Alpha, established in 1892, membership 5.

Phi Kappa Sigma, established in 1894, membership 8.

And our own, established in 1865. There is also a chapter of Theta Nu Epsilon which made its appearance in 1891.

Notwithstanding the fact that there are a large number of fraternities here for the size of the institution, still we think that a chapter's strength does not lie altogether in its numbers, and believe that historic old Virginia Beta will ever hold its place in the Greek world of Washington and Lee.

In conclusion Virginia Beta extends its congratulation to Brother Ehle on the improvement the PALM has made under his management, and we are glad to see it becoming each year a more perfect index of our noble brotherhood. Fraternally,

C. C. TUTWILER, W. S.

WM. A. BELL, W. M.

#### VIRGINIA DELTA.

The report of the above chapter respectfully shows, that it numbers at present fourteen (14) men, whose interest in the welfare of the fraternity challenges comparison with that of any other chapter in the order.

Some events in the government of our university, such as the distribution of honors in the literary societies by the faculty, have cooled off party spirit in those organizations, and somewhat lessened the ardor of Greeks in support of candidates; but social club life keeps the better chapters, including ours, closely welded together.

As to matters of Alpha Tau policy, the delegate to the Fourteenth Biennial Congress is instructed to say that this chapter is unqualifiedly opposed to extension for the mere sake of numbers, and in derogation of either the letter or the spirit of the constitution. Evidence is not wanting of deflections in this regard, and it is earnestly hoped that Congress will take appropriate action thereon.

Our initiation fees are in the hand of the delegate to be transferred to the W. G. K. E.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. GREEN, Virginia Delta.



## CHAPTER LETTERS.

### CORRESPONDENTS, READ THIS CAREFULLY.

Answer all communications from Grand Officers at once.

You must have a letter in each number of the PALM. Note the \$5.00 fine provided at Congress. It should contain all the news, but must be condensed as much as possible, on account of the large number of chapters.

Never write on both sides of the sheet for publication. Such matter must be rewritten before the printer will set it up.

Punctuate carefully, and write plainly. Be very particular about making the spelling of names legible.

Send in all the personals and clippings you can, separate from your chapter letter.

Follow the form of heading of letters as they appear in the PALM, giving merely the name of chapter, college and town. Dates and all other superfluous matter should be omitted. An observance of this rule will save the editor much time.

Be sure to have your next letter reach the editor by April 10th, 1895.

See that your chapter's PALM dues are paid promptly in advance, for each active member. Subscriptions for volume xv. are now due.

Be a little careful about the use of superlatives and general boastfulness: give facts. Be enthusiastic, but not bombastic. Your fraternity is the best there is, and she does not need constant strained panegyrics. The men who write them very often fail to pay subscriptions after they leave college.

Be honest; be fair; be manly—in short, be an Alpha Tau in the full sense of the noble meaning of the name.

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ALABAMA BETA BETA, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, GREENSBORO.

Since our last report we have initiated I. W. Howard, of Ft. Payne, Ala., into the mysteries of Alpha Tau Omega, and we recommend him to our brotherhood as a man worthy of the trust which Alpha Tau bestows.

Bro. J. S. Chadwick, A. M., '90, called to see us on his way to Las Cruces, Texas, where he has been stationed for this year.

Our alumni always have a hearty welcome when they visit their *alma mater*.

Term examinations are upon us, and it is needless to say that Beta Beta has the determination to take the lead in class room honors again this year.

We are very sorry that Brother Lagrone could not go to Congress. If we could not be with you in the person of our representative, our hearts were in the work. We are sure that Brothers Ledbetter and Bradley represented us well.

We hope to have our share of honors next June when diplomas, medals, and other honors are bestowed. Brothers Watkins, Hawkins, Marshall and Brock will be candidates for degrees.

GEORGE STOVES, Correspondent.

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ALABAMA BETA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, TUSCALOOSA.

We have at last returned from the Christmas holidays, greatly refreshed in both mind and body, being more than ever resolved upon hard work, not only upon our books, but for the grand and glorious cause of Alpha Tau Omegaism, and it is with genuine pleasure that Beta Delta again greets the fraternity through our chapter letter.

Our Congress of 1894 is now a thing of the past, and we are eagerly awaiting the results of the deliberations. We are glad to state that we were represented, counting ourselves fortunate in securing as our representative Bro. H. P. Simpson, who, though not an active member of this chapter, is an old Beta Delta boy, and an alumnus of this school. Our delegate from the chapter was selected, and all preparations made, and it was only when it was too late to select another man, that he found that, on account of a conflict of private affairs, it would be utterly impossible for him to represent us. He telegraphed his instructions to Brother Simpson, and we were ably represented. And now we wish, through the PALM, to thank Brother Simpson for the interest he has manifested in his chapter. Were all other alumni as zealous and devoted to their chapters, the success of Alpha Tau would be doubly assured.

Feeling, of course, a deep interest in the results of this Congress, we shall live in expectation of the next PALM.

The last PALM, though rather late, was read with much interest, being, as we believe, one of the best we have seen.

Since our last letter, Bro. E. D. Johnson, of Birmingham, Ala. (Tenn. Gmega), has entered the Law Class; we are glad to have him with us, and extend to him a hearty welcome.

We are also glad to have near us Bro. Frank Berry, of Mobile, Ala. (Ala. Alpha Epsilon), a well known educator, and the popular President of the Tuscaloosa Female College.

We are glad to be able to state that our chapter is in a prosperous condition, having reached a more flourishing state than it has known for some years, and looking ahead always, we gird ourselves for the fight, and feel sure of our goal, determining that, come what may, we will make for our chapter and our fraternity a reputation of which we may all be justly proud, making Beta Beta one of the most brilliant gems in the crown of dear old Alpha Tau Omega, one of the brightest links in the golden chain of our beloved brotherhood.

There are six fraternities here, and recently fraternity spirit has been running high.

Bro. R. H. Nason, '94, is working on the United States Survey of Mobile Bay.

We are proud to claim as our brother the present Attorney General of this State, Hon. Wm. C. Fitts, who is a loyal A. T. O., and an honor to his fraternity.

Bro. C. H. Long, '91, is studying Medicine at Tulane University, New Orleans, La., and Bro. J. A. Mitchell, '88, is practicing law in Livingston, Ala.

And now we are proud to introduce to the fraternity Bro. Robert D. Spratt, in Livingston, Ala., who, though young in the cause, having been initiated since our last letter, is already an Alpha Tau from the heart, and bids fair to become one of our best men.

Brothers, let the good work go on!

We wish the PALM and the fraternity everywhere a prosperous New Year. May the present year be such a prosperous one as has never before been known in the history of Alpha Tau Omega.

BLAKE W. GODFREY, Correspondent.

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GA. ALPHA THETA, EMORY COLLEGE, OXFORD.

Another season of prosperity is full upon us and our chapter enters upon the new year with banner unfurled to breezes suggestive of a rosy future. This spring term of Emory marks the entrance into college of an unusually large number of new men. We have initiated Bro. Claude Brantley, Dublin, Ga., who comes highly recommended by one of our alumni, and we have assurance that the initiation of several choice men will follow.

Here with us quality is rated above quantity, and the almost proverbial excellence of our large membership, morally, socially, and intellectually, causes us in the selection of new members to look to the maintenance of that worthy recognition which comes of Christian integrity and ability to do acceptable work in any department of college life.

Reports for fall term show that Alpha Theta has representative

men in keeping with places of distinction in each class, while political honors are always attainable. Bro. H. S. Phillips represented us creditably on the fall term debate, and Bro. E. Dempsey is February debater-elect. In the election of "Champion Debaters" by the Literary Societies, Bro. W. J. Bryan, from Phi Gamma, won with ease, and the enviable reputation he has made as a skilled debater insures his success Monday night of Commencement.

The third volume of our college annual, *The Zodiac*, is recognized as a necessity, and active steps have been taken to arrange for its publication this spring. Bro. C. C. Smith will represent us on the editorial staff.

The brothers were delighted with the account given by our enthusiastic delegate, Brother Allen, relative to the Congress at Washington, D. C. We have not failed to catch some of the spirit there manifested for this "one of the grandest and purest of Greek letter fraternities," and our chapter is in accord with the recent legislation looking to the welfare and aggressive movement of the fraternity at large. Especially is the new chapter at Brown University an occasion for congratulation, since this is another step toward extension in the right direction.

Bro. W. H. Budd, '94, has entered upon wedded life, and it is with pleasure that we welcome Atlanta's charming one, Miss Susie Verner, who was initiated amid the holiday festivities; also we extend congratulations to our brother, wishing him unmeasured happiness in his new home at Darien, Ga., where he is engaged in the Methodist ministry.

Misses Allen and Jarrell, two attractive young ladies of Warren-ton, Ga., and St. Louis, Mo., visited their brothers here during the holidays, and, needless to say, becomingly wore the Maltese Cross.

The present officers of this immediate chapter are: Bro. W. E. Thompson, W. M.; Bro. C. C. Smith, W. C.; Bro. J. F. Allen, W. K. A.; Bro. W. J. Bryan, W. K. E.; Bro. R. H. Hankinson, W. Sc.; Bro. E. Dempsey, W. U.; Bro. J. T. Bowen, W. Sen., and M. C. QUILLIAN, Correspondent.

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MAINE BETA Upsilon, STATE COLLEGE, ORONO.

It has been some time since a letter has been written from our chapter, but we are still very much alive and hope we have made some progress.

We lost by graduation last year Brothers Bowles, Gilbert and Rumball, of '94. These brothers well represented our society on commencement, having the parts of prophet, historian and orator on class-day.

This fall, having a large entering class, we were able to get eleven good true men to swell our ranks. They are as follows:

Chas. A. Pearce.....	Fort Fairfield
Cecil C. Johnston.....	Fort Fairfield
Walter L. Ellis.....	Waterville
Parker Crowell.....	Orono
Haller D. Searey.....	Bangor
Irving C. Swett.....	Bangor
Walter C. Herald.....	Machias
Walter Dolley.....	Gorham
—— Whipple.....	Solon
—— Sturgess.....	Lewiston
—— Higgins.....	Westbrook

Last year, Brother Folsom received honorable mention in the Junior Prize Themes, Brother Urann captured the prize for Sophomore Prize Declamations, and Brother White obtained honorable mention in Freshman Standing.

This year, Brother Holyoke won the prize for Sophomore Prize Declamations, in which we had four speakers.

We hold some class offices: in '96, we have the vice-president; in '97, the president, vice-president; and in '98, vice-president and member of the executive committee.

In the military department we are quite well represented, having a captain, 1st lieut., 2nd lieut., drum-major, sergeant, and six corporals.

Foot-ball is a game in which we show up quite well; indeed three-fourths of us play the game, more or less. Last fall, we had the captains of the Sophomore and Freshman teams. Captain Searey, of the Freshman team, is a fine quarter-back and is a strong candidate for captain of the 'Varsity next fall.

We are also well represented in journalism, having three of the nine members of the *Cadet* staff and several members of the Press Club.

We are all striving and working for the good of Alpha Tau Omega.

HARVEY A. WHITE, Correspondent.

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MAINE GAMMA ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY, WATERTVILLE.

Maine Gamma Alpha begins the new year with a very bright outlook, and with hopes that the following will leave us in a still better condition than the preceding.

Last term our numbers were reinforced by the addition of ten new brothers, whom we take pleasure in introducing into our Mystic Circle.



Our chapter roll is at present composed of sixteen members, six of whom need no introduction. The names of the other ten loyal brothers are as follows:

C. L. Curtis, '96.	G. A. Ely, '98.
J. M. Pike, '96.	E. L. Hall, '98.
H. S. Allen, '98.	G. Hutchins, '98.
O. L. Long, '98.	E. T. Nott, '98.
J. L. Dyer, '98.	A. I. Stewart '98.

Our initiation was followed by a banquet, which was attended by many of our Alumni brothers, and was one of the pleasantest occasions of the term. Brother Waterhouse took charge of the post-prandial exercises. Seven brothers from Alumni and active members responded to toasts, with remarks witty and brilliant.

A pleasure has been added to our meetings of late by the attendance of Brothers Kidder and Ellis, of Beta Upsilon Chapter; Brother Foster, '93, is a regular attendant, and displays much enthusiasm in his love for Alpha Tau.

Four of our brothers are pursuing a pedagogical course for the winter term, Brothers Cross, Dyer, Allen, and Curtis; the returning reports are along the lines of good success.

In college honors and class offices we are well represented.

At the recent class-elections, Brother Waterhouse was chosen prophet of '95; Brother Curtis, marshall of '96; Brother Williams, president of '97; Brother Clement, historian of '97; and he is also a member of 'Varsity Conference Board; Brother Dyer, poet of '98; Brother Allen, historian of '98; Brother Long represented us ably on the 'Varsity eleven.

Brother Waterhouse, our delegate to Congress, returns full of enthusiasm and love for the fraternity, and reports much pleasure at the doings of Congress.

Gamma Alpha sends fraternal greetings to all Alpha Taus.

C. L. CLEMENT, Correspondent.

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MASS. GAMMA BETA, TUFTS COLLEGE, MEDFORD.

Mass. Gamma Beta sincerely regrets its failure to contribute to the December issue of the PALM and asks pardon for its shortcomings in the past.

We returned to college last September with eight active members, having lost ten men; some by graduating, and others by leaving college to continue their studies elsewhere or to enter upon the battle of life.

Of those who graduated, Brother Wren returned to college as instructor in mathematics; Brother Hathaway is studying vocal

music in Boston previous to entering upon an engagement with an opera company, and Brother Byrne is employed by the city of Medford as assistant city civil engineer.

We certainly have had our share of ill luck, for in addition to the losses mentioned above, we have lost two brothers by death: Bro. C. A. Page, who died shortly after college closed last June, and Bro. R. H. Bolles, who passed away on the 8th of November. Both brothers were members of the class of '96, and were hard and conscientious students, at the same time working hard and faithfully for the best interests of A. T. U. Gamma Beta deeply regrets the loss of these two brothers, and to prove her heartfelt sorrow occasioned by their death herewith sends a copy of the resolutions on the death of each, drawn up by a committee from the chapter, to be published in the PALM.

After the news of the death of Brother Bolles, a feeling of gloom came over the rest of the members of the chapter, and especially as we were to hold our initiation on the very night of his death. Accordingly, we postponed the initiation for one month, after which time we initiated the following men: Brothers Mitchell, Hall, Jacobs and Crowley, of the class of '97, and Brother Gilman, '98. These new members are all good men, and take much interest in the advancement of the chapter.

In the class room, although we have no prize winners, yet every man is in earnest about his work and as a result all are at least numbered among the first half of the different classes. But it is in athletics that we are especially strong. On the baseball team we have four men, including Brother Maguire, who is captain. We were represented on the football team by Brother Eddy and Brother Robinson, half-back, and Brother Mitchell, substitute, half-back. In track athletics, we have a number of good men and expect to win the majority of the prizes offered for the events in the indoor meet and field day.

Although we are few in number, yet we are brimful of confidence, and hope that before our next letter to the PALM, we shall have increased our number by at least five men from the Freshman class.

With this Gamma sends her best wishes to all her sister chapters of dear old Alpha Tau Omega.

Yours Fraternally,

E. F. CORRIDAN, Correspondent.

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MICHIGAN BETA KAPPA, HILLSDALE, MICH.

If Beta Kappa may judge of her future possibilities by what the past has been, surely for her there is a "royal road" to success.

Her efforts from the opening of the school year have been crowned

with success, and still the good work of "spiking" men goes merrily on.

Several new men are proud candidates for a more personal acquaintance with the mysteries of the Greek world.

In the matter of literary honors bestowed last fall term, Bro. W. H. North was the worthy and successful competitor for the valuable prize offered by the Amphictyon Literary Society in its annual Junior Contest, while in the Junior Oratorical Contest of the Theadelphic Society, Mr. H. E. Phelps, one of our brilliant pledged men, was adjudged second honors.

Much practical enthusiasm was brought home to us from the Congress by our regular delegate, E. C. Keeler, and also by the delegate of the Mich. Alumni Association, C. A. Langworthy, a member of our chapter.

Unless some unforeseen change is made, May 3rd and 4th will be the dates for holding the annual reunion and banquet of the Mich. chapters and alumni.

Worthy Grand Chief Glazebrook, together with some of the other leading men of our fraternity, have expressed a determination to be present at this meeting, which we hope to make the best in the history of the association.

To all brothers in our beloved brotherhood we extend a cordial invitation to be present.

Beta Kappa sends greetings to all Alpha Taus.

Fraternally submitted,

H. T. McDONALD, Correspondent.

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N. Y. ALPHA OMICRON, ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY, CANTON.

Our delegates to Congress returned filled with renewed enthusiasm for the cause of A. T. O., and Alpha Omicron is pleased with the large representation of chapters and the faithfulness of our retiring Grand Officers. If the sentiment which prevailed at the present Congress is consistently followed, we believe that it will greatly strengthen our fraternity at large.

Our annual initiatory banquet, Nov. 28, was made a grand success through the large number of alumni brothers present. A large part of them are faithful and retain their interest in the fraternity.

Bro. A. I. Bacheller, the founder of our chapter, was entertained during the holidays, at the Chapter House, by the A. T. O.'s in town.

Bro. W. T. Sayer, '98, has been obliged to leave college on account of ill health.

Yours fraternally,

A. W. FORTUNE, Correspondent.

## N. Y. BETA THETA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA.

Inspired with new hopes as the result of our Fourteenth Biennial Congress, Beta Theta begins the New Year. To the new Worthy Grand Chief, to the High Council, and to Alpha Taus, one and all, she extends the season's greeting.

This letter, following so soon after our report to Congress, must necessarily be lacking in material.

We are able to introduce to the Alpha Tau world Bro. Lee Barker Walton, of Bear Lake, Penn. He is a member of the class of '97.

This year the announcement of the committees of the different classes finds us with our full quota: Bro. J. R. Wilson on the Senior Ball; Bro. W. R. Eckart, Jr., Chairman of the Senior Photograph Committee; Bro. J. S. Truman on the Junior Ball; and Bro. C. D. Clinton on the Sophomore Cotillion. Brother Clinton is also President of the Sophomore class.

All those who attended Congress had the pleasure of hearing the efforts of Brothers Clinton and Bailey on the Glee and Guitar Clubs respectively. Now that revision of the Song-book has been left with the Cornell chapter, we hope that the Brothers will not be any more backward in offering suggestions, or more material aid, than they were in tendering us the work.

Fraternally,

W. R. ECKART, JR., Correspondent.

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## OHIO ALPHA NU, MT. UNION COLLEGE, ALLIANCE.

The new year opens with our chapter in the best of condition. Our members attending the Washington Congress are again with us, and we are inspired with fraternity patriotism when we hear them tell of the glorious work done there. We are especially pleased to learn that the next Congress meets at Cleveland, and all of our members expect to be present on that occasion. The Cleveland Alumni Association has fully a dozen of their members from our chapter.

Through neglect, I omitted to state in my last letter our members in the football team. Brother Rider was center, Brothers Jenkins and McConkey, guards, Brother Whitehill, right end, Brother Caskey, quarter back, Brother Johns, full back, with Brothers Marsh and Norton substitute backs. Brother Caskey was very severely injured in one of our games with Hiram. In the next game, Brother Rider was kicked in the head and was out of college during the first half of this session. He is again with us, how-



ever, and all join in the hope that Brother Caskey may soon be seen among us again.

All our brothers were very agreeably surprised by our lady friends at the first meeting after the holidays. The hall was crowded and we were busily engaged in hearing the reports of our Congress by Brothers Johns and Eldredge, when there came a knock at the door that indicated that some one not an "Alph." was without. The door was opened and in walked eighteen of our lady friends. We recovered in time and were rewarded for our recovery by a very nice lunch served by the girls. They have the sincere thanks of all, and we only hope that they will come again.

Movements are on foot for the securing of a chapter house, and ere long we hope to be able to welcome visiting brothers in one of the finest fraternity houses of the West.

All look forward with a great deal of interest to the meeting of the Ohio chapter at Columbus on February 22. Brother Hart has been elected delegate from Alpha Nu, with Bro. H. A. March as alternate. We expect to be represented by six members.

Since our last letter we have initiated Brothers A. R. Thompson, '97, and C. Whitehill, '97, and take great pleasure in presenting them to the Alpha Tau Omega world.

With best wishes to all sister chapters and for the continued success of the PALM, we remain fraternally yours,

HARRY A. MARCH.

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OHIO ALPHA PSI, WITTENBERG COLLEGE, SPRINGFIELD.

To all brothers in Alpha Tau Omega, Alpha Psi sends greeting.

Our chapter is in a flourishing condition, having in all twelve members. We already have several good men pledged for the incoming Freshman class, who give every promise of making excellent Alpha Taus. Our new brothers reported to the fraternity at large in the last issue of the PALM have already proven themselves worthy wearers of the Maltese Cross. In scholarship they have shown that they can hold up the standard. Brother Alleshouse has proven himself without doubt the best mathematician in the Freshman class.

Brothers Stough and Miller, who represented Alpha Psi on the victorious 'Varsity foot-ball team last fall, have been highly complimented for their work during the season by Coach Townsend. Brother Leamer, by his able management of the team, for the first time in the history of athletics here, brought the association out of debt at the close of the season.

Brother Phillips has made quite a hit directing the Glee Club. He recently directed a chorus of some forty voices and received



very favorable criticism from the musical critics of the city newspapers. Brother Schmitt also represents us on the Glee Club, singing first tenor.

Brother Parsons, '94, has lately secured the chair of Mathematics in Wortburg College, located at Waverly, Iowa. "Bob" was one of the best fellows it has been our lot to meet and we were sorry to lose him last year, but wish him every success in his new field.

Brother Battzley, '93, after a year's absence in Mt. Airy Seminary, Philadelphia, is again with us, having entered the Middle class in Theology.

The Alumni Association here is now a reality, and it is the only association of its kind holding regular meetings in the city. Brother McGrew, '91, owing to whose zeal the association was organized, gives us much good advice in our meetings and it is a delight to have him with us. He is recognized as one of the rising attorneys of the city.

During the holidays, we were visited by Brothers A. J. and Hugh Moyer, who were spending their vacation here. Brother A. J. Moyer laments the fact that there is no chapter at Harvard and thinks Brother Hugh Moyer got somewhat the best of him in changing institutions, Brother Hugh Moyer having affiliated with New York Beta Theta. Brother A. J. Moyer says that he never really knew what fraternity life was until he was away from it.

We regret very much the loss of Brother Hal. T. Blount, '96, who goes to Chicago to study art. Brother Blount did much of the work for the last three Annuals published here, and was considered the best artist in the institution. His work gives much promise of his success in his chosen profession. We wish him the success he deserves.

On the night of January 16, our chapter, with some of its pledged men and alumni together with their ladies, took a delightful sleigh ride. They drove to Yellow Springs, a distance of fourteen miles, and there partook of an elegant spread at the Yellow Springs Hotel.

Our chapter was represented at Congress by Brother Leamer, '95, who gives glowing accounts of all that was done there. "August" seems filled with the spirit of A. T. O. since his return, and we can't much wonder, for it must have been a grand Congress. We regret very much that the rest of us were unable to be there. We congratulate Brother Ehle on the PALM, and with best wishes for its success, we remain,

Yours fraternally,

GEO. B. SCHMITT.

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OHIO BETA ETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, OHIO.

The past term has been very favorable for our chapter, and has

been quiet in the affairs of the college. We now have in our chapter sixteen good men, including the pledged men. Very few new men entered the University this term, hence there is very little "rushing" going on. The number of students enrolled is larger than it has been for quite a while. The interest in athletics has increased considerably during the past term, and still it is not what it should be. Nevertheless, we expect to have a very good baseball team in the spring, and Bro. Will Bass, who won quite a reputation as a half-back this year, will again represent us on the team as pitcher. Brother Bradshaw has been elected Treasurer of the Republican Club. Brothers Bass and Pearson, our delegates to the Convention, report an enjoyable time and are full of enthusiasm in the affairs of Alpha Tau Omega. Our chapter has discussed the subject, brought before us by our delegates, concerning an alliance formed by three or four chapters, by which they can vote down any new application for a chapter which may not be especially desired by any one of them, and we heartily disapprove of any such alliance. We are all looking forward to our State Convention at Columbus and expect to attend in a body if possible. The University is preparing to erect several new buildings in the near future, which will add greatly to the interests of the college.

Any brother coming to Delaware at any time will find Beta Eta's "latch-string always out," and we will be glad to welcome him.

ELLIS O. DECAP, Correspondent.

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OHIO BETA MU, WOOSTER UNIVERSITY, WOOSTER.

Clyde B. Kenty, our delegate to Congress, has not been able to return to school on account of a severe attack of pneumonia. Consequently, we have been unable to hear any report from Congress, and are waiting anxiously for his recovery for our own as well as for his sake.

We have almost completed the complete paraphernalia for initiation, and are much occupied at present with the study of the form.

We have with us again Brothers Howard and Abner Jones, of Van Wert, and Moore, of New Lisbon, Ohio.

Brother Stahl, '93, stopped for a few days in Wooster, on his way back to Rockford, where he is doing excellent work as Superintendent of the Public Schools.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large, three new brothers: Paul and Ralph Hickok, and W. W. McIntire. Our chapter roll is as follows: H. G. Jones, D. W. Wylie, D. G. Hay, C. H. Hay, C. B. Kenty, O. K. Conant, S. L. McManigal,

W. W. McIntire, P. R. Hickok, C. Elliott, Levi Rawson, R. M. Huston, H. L. Pritchard, A. G. Jones, Ralph Hickok, Chas. Vasey, Walter McVicker and S. C. Moore.

LAWRENCE McMANIGAL, Correspondent.

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OHIO BETA OMEGA, STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS.

The long anticipated meeting of Congress having now become a thing of the past, we once more drift into the routine of ordinary college life. The attendance at college has been somewhat diminished, owing to the severity of the recent examinations; but among the number of those who have been compelled to leave college thereby, we have not noticed any wearers of the Maltese Cross. Perhaps the most important event of the present term will be the Oratorical Contest, in which we are to be represented by Bro. U. S. Brandt. Since our last letter to the PALM, we have had the pleasure of initiating into our fraternity one commonly known as the "King of the Barbs"—Bro. Geo. W. Rightmire, President of the Oratorical Association, and one of the ablest men in college. We are also gratified at having with us, as a regular affiliate member, Bro. Chas. P. MacLaughlin, of Penn. Alpha Upsilon, who is occupying a good position at the Columbus Water Works. Ohio Beta Omega is now actively engaged in making preparations for the reception of her sister chapters at the State Convention, which will be held in this city Feb. 21, 22. The State Oratorical Contest also occurs on the evening of the 21st, and the delegates to the convention will likely attend in a body. On the following evening will occur our annual banquet. A most cordial invitation is extended to all Alpha Taus who may find it convenient to attend. We are very much elated over the fact that the next Biennial Congress is to be held at Cleveland, and we shall try to do *our* part towards making it a success.

We are getting along nicely in our new chapter house, and only hope that we may continue in the future as prosperously as we have begun. Our hearthstone will ever blaze with congenial warmth for every Alpha Tau who may chance our way.

REED H. GAME, Correspondent.

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OHIO BETA RHO, MARIETTA COLLEGE, MARIETTA.

It has been some time since we have been represented by letter to the PALM; nevertheless we are still living and have much for which we should be glad.

When the college year opened, we were at a great loss and greatly missed our five elder brothers, whom we lost by graduation. Since then, we have become more accustomed to our new circumstances and are learning how to do the work more successfully.

We are few in numbers, but strong in the faith, and all are ready to work for the interests of the fraternity.

During the football season Marietta gained quite a reputation by the successful work of the team. We were represented by Brother Sloan, who was one of the best players on the team and who did credit to himself and the fraternity.

We are also represented in the important class offices and have always received our share of the rewards.

Brother Morgan is secretary of the Oratorical Association.

Brothers Sugden and Crooks sing on the Glee Club.

We were very unfortunate in losing Brother Hammat, a member of '97, but we are glad to know that he is now an affiliate member of Va. Beta. The prospects for the future are very good, as we will lose but one brother by graduation and we are quite sure of increasing our numbers from the incoming Freshman class.

We enjoyed a pleasant visit at the opening of the term by Brother Phillips, of Alpha Psi. We are always glad to meet the brothers from our sister chapters and extend a hearty welcome to all when in the city.

Beta Rho wishes success to the PALM and all the brothers.

J. W. CROOKS, Correspondent.

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PENN. ALPHA UPSILON, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE, GETTYSBURG.

Alpa Upsilon chapter wishes all sister chapters a happy and prosperous new year, and we hope that fate will look kindly on every one.

All the brothers have returned from their homes and we are now getting settled to our regular routine.

All conversation in our hall now turns to the Fourteenth Bienial Congress, and of course those of us who had the great pleasure of attending that most enjoyable and successful Congress, cannot get through talking of the splendid time we had, and the jolly good fellows it was our pleasure to meet and greet with a pleasant smile and a strong A. T. O. grasp of friendship.

We scarcely realize that the long looked for and much talked of Congress is a period in our past history, for the memories of incidents that occurred are yet so fresh that they seem to have taken place only yesterday.

Could we feel otherwise than greatly benefited by the spirit of



those meetings, and thoroughly enthused by the speeches that were given in honor of our grand and noble order?

We shall look forward to another meeting and reunion at Cleveland, such as we had in Washington.

One of our most promising young alumni has again been honored in the person of Bro. H. C. Franty, '92, and also a graduate of the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, who has received the appointment of resident physician of the hospital at Huntington, Pa.

Bro. W. H. Menges, business manager of the Junior annual, the *Spectrum*, is hard at work on his part and promises to bring out the most successful annual published in the history of the college.

Our most recent initiate is Bro. James A. McAllister, '98, of Gettysburg.

Fraternity spirit at Gettysburg is not very brisk at present; the cause seems to be lack of good Hellenic material.

We can say that we hope to have the good luck to initiate a new brother in a few weeks.

Most fraternally,

PERCY D. HOOVER, Correspondent.

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PENN. TAU, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA.

Pennsylvania Tau is flourishing more than ever; indeed we are living in an unusual state of prosperity. Our chapter at present consists of twenty active members. Our affiliated members are: Brothers Van Kirk, of Lehigh; Warner, of Gettysburg; Morris, of Sewanee; and Linn, of Ohio Wesleyan.

The initiates of this collegiate year are Brothers:

Clifford Marshall.....	Sharon, Pa.
Howard Hays.....	Allegheny, Pa.
George Thomas.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
Frank R. Minnig.....	Reading, Pa.
Guy Osterhout.....	Scranton, Pa.

Our officers at present are:

Worthy Master.....	A. W. Dunbar
Worthy Chaplain.....	H. H. Jones
Worthy K. Exchequer.....	C. A. Barrios
Worthy Scribe.....	C. M. Hollister
Worthy Keeper Annals.....	W. D. Jump
Worthy Usher.....	F. J. Katteyer
Worthy Sentinel.....	J. E. Blair

A larger and more interesting letter may be expected from Pennsylvania Tau in the next issue, as no doubt news of Congress will fill the present number.

CLIFFORD MARSHALL, Correspondent.



TENN. BETA PI, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE.

Holidays are over and we are now in the midst of intermediate examinations.

But with all the trials and tribulations that examinations bring upon us, we are glad to say that the spirit of Alpha Tau Omega is yet fresh and vigorous within our hearts.

We have a thriving chapter of twenty-two men, and take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large: Bros. P. L. Cobb, '97; Robt. G. Tuttle, '97, and J. Ross Snyder, '98, who have successfully undergone a most critical and careful examination by our Royal High Inspector of Anatomy, the Rt. Hon. Wm. d'Goat.

In the three brothers just mentioned, we feel that we have gained for our chapter men that will reflect credit upon our fraternity. They are men that we are proud to introduce as Alpha Tau Omegas and they are men with manly minds and characters, the only kind that we seek for our noble order.

Our honors are as numerous as we could expect; while we appreciate honors for the glory that is in them, still we feel that the cultivation of the true principles of manhood tell more in fraternity, as well as in actual life, than the mere honors that men so often strive for.

Bro. Jas. R. Hunter did himself and his chapter much honor by his splendid speech on the Thanksgiving debate.

Bro. Robt. G. Tuttle demonstrated his ability on the gridiron by the magnificent playing done by him at Left End on the 'Varsity team.

Bro. W. C. Welburn reports a most delightful time on the Southern trips that our musical clubs enjoyed during the holidays.

Bro. R. E. L. Saner will speak on the oratorical contest to take place on Washington's birthday.

And last, but not least, we would name among our honors the large number of lovely A. T. O. sisters that Bro. McKenzie so eloquently pleaded for in the last Congress.

We were delighted to have had as our visitors recently two of our old brothers—who will ever be dear to the memory of Alpha Tau in Vanderbilt—Bro. W. Q. Vreeland, of Henderson, Ky., who has charge of one of the Methodist churches in that city, and Bro. W. Peter Heuntze, who is now traveling in Alabama. We hope that any brother who may visit Nashville will call upon us. Since our trip to Congress at Washington we have been living in the pleasant memories of the past and have been delighting our imaginations by calling up familiar faces that we met at our grand conclave of the holidays. We long for Xmas of '96, and the great meeting of Alpha Tau at Cleveland.

ROBERT E. L. SANER, Correspondent.

## VA. BETA, WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY, LEXINGTON.

Virginia Beta, since her last letter to PALM, has been called upon to part with one of her most enthusiastic workers, Bro. N. P. Bryan, who, having graduated from the Law School, has gone to practice his profession at his home in Florida. He will be sadly missed by all, as his kind heart and genial smile endeared him to every student in the University. Brother Bryan's withdrawal left us with but three, but we soon regained our original number by the initiation of Herbert Drewry, of Petersburg, Va., whom we take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity as a worthy wearer of the Maltese Cross.

Our chapter is smaller than usual this year, and we should, no doubt, get lonesome sometimes, if it were not for the occasional visits of Brothers Avis and Slicer. Brother Avis is practicing law in Charleston, W. Va., and Brother Slicer is traveling salesman for a Virginia clothing house. The latter we hope to have with us next year, he and Brother Hammat being the only two who will return, Brothers Bell and Tutwiler both graduating in June.

We feel no hesitancy in leaving Va. Beta's destiny to these brothers and feel sure that the enthusiasm awakened by the last convention will be felt not by the chapters alone, but by the whole fraternity.

If we stick to the action taken in regard to conservatism, there is no reason why the next two years should not be the grandest in the history of Alpha Tau Omega. Let our motto be, "Not how many, but how good," and the aim of our fraternity cannot help being achieved.

C. C. TUTWILER, Correspondent.

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## VT. BETA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT, BURLINGTON.

Since the last issue of the PALM, affairs have been moving along quietly with Vermont Beta Zeta.

We have initiated two men, Alverne P. Lowell and DeWitt H. Hanenstein, both of Burlington, Vt.

Brother Loweli is manager of the 'Varsity baseball team. Bro. C. E. Stevens has recently returned to college to graduate with the class of '95. The chapter was represented at Washington by Bros. Frederick Tupper, Jr., and Hugh Davis.

The chapter is well pleased with the work done by Congress, especially that the PALM was left under the able management of Brother Ehle.

We still continue to receive our share of the college honors, Brother Pratt having recently been elected to the students' confer-

ence committee, Brother Colby, Sophomore athletic manager, and Bro. Henry Hagar, Sophomore baseball manager.

We take this opportunity to say that Vt. Beta Zeta would be pleased to exchange college annuals with any of our chapters.

H. B. HANSON, Correspondent.

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#### CHICAGO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The regular quarterly banquet of Chicago Alumni Association was eaten by the regular attendants and a fair sprinkling of new ones, with the regular quarterly appetites (except Atwood's, which is increasin'), the regular place, the Grand Pacific Hotel, Jan. 19th. Brothers Booth and Ehle gave reports of the Congress; and the conservative sentiment which was said to prevail was endorsed by the Association. Brother Thornton emphatically denied the rumor that he had joined the benedicts, but his denial was received by the brethren *cum mole salis*.

E. P. LYON, Secretary.

## PERSONALS AND NEWS ITEMS.

The next PALM will appear in the latter part of April. All matter should be in not later than the 10th, and, if possible, by the 1st.

Two new charters have been granted, to the University of Illinois and Austin College. Some very good extension this. Let the good work go on.

The Ohio and Michigan Alumni Associations are very active. The former has issued invitations for a State Conclave at Columbus, Feb. 22nd, with banquet at the Hotel Normandie. Brother Shives has been particularly enthusiastic in regard to the meeting. The Michigan boys are to meet with the Hillsdale chapter, May 3rd and 4th, and preparations for a splendid time are being made on a grand scale. Let the other States emulate the example of Ohio and Michigan.

Louisiana Beta Epsilon chapter issued very tasty invitations for a reception at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright Eustis, 230 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, Monday evening, January 14th, 1895, at 8 P. M. No doubt a most enjoyable evening was passed, and the editor of the PALM regrets that business affairs prevented his attendance.

Bro. Dorsey Ash, C.E., of Pa. Tau, formerly connected with the Sanitary District of Chicago, has removed from Lemont, Ills., to 1017 Park Place, Wilmington, Del.

### MICH. BETA KAPPA.

Bro. L. W. Newcomer is engaged in the grocery business at Polo, Ills.

Bro. O. T. Bolt has been admitted to the bar at Grand Rapids, Mich., and is now in partnership with Bro. A. E. Ewing, in that city.

Bro. E. A. Dibble has recently sold his produce business and is now in the wholesale grocery business at Hillsdale, Mich.

Bro. Dr. C. P. Platt is located in practice at Weston, Mich. He was married Dec. 20th, 1894, to Miss Clara H. Kingsley.

Bro. Jay C. Ambler is engaged in real estate business with his father in the Arcade, Cleveland. O.

## VT. BETA ZETA.

Bro. R. D. Hoyt was recently elected second lieutenant of Company M, First V. N. G. Company M. is recognized as the crack company of Vermont.

Bro. E. M. Stevens is in the employ of the Morrisville Electric Co., Morrisville, Vt.

ros. Andrus and Wright are teaching at McIndoes Falls, Vt.

Bros. E. P. Flowers and W.H. Flowers are President and Vice-President, respectively, of the Exchange Bank, Greenville, Ala.

An anonymous communication has reached the PALM, urging the active members of So. Carolina Beta Chi to greater efforts. It is not published, on account of lack of signature.

L. O. Eldredge (O. Alpha Nu), is Superintendent of the Louisville, O., public schools, for a second year. He is giving splendid satisfaction in his work, which is both pleasant and profitable.

Married, at Elmira, N. Y., Miss Sarah C. Chatham, and Daniel Upton (N. Y. Beta Theta, '90); at home after January 15th, 171 Richmond Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

Bro. D. W. Brant (N. Y. Beta Theta), is an enterprising advance agent for a popular opera company.

The following extract from the *Sewanee Calendar* of the University of the South, the home of Tennessee Omega, is an endorsement of the college fraternity system, which is worthy of the broad, liberal spirit of the college and very complimentary to the chapters at Sewanee: "Seven Fraternities or Greek Letter Societies have chapters at Sewanee, the Alpha Tau Omega, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the Kappa Sigma, the Phi Delta Theta, the Delta Tau Delta, the Kappa Alpha and the Sigma Nu. These fraternities have separate chapter houses. They are controlled by the laws of the University, and by a joint convention of their representatives, and exercise an elevating influence on student life." We presume Alpha Tau's position in the list is significant.

Bro. E. W. Danforth, of Me. Beta Upsilon, is connected with the City Engineer's Office of Somerville, Mass.

Brother Hart, of Ohio Alpha Nu, is city editor of *The Daily Critic*, of Alliance, O., and is achieving great success as a writer, his articles being very generally copied.

## N. Y. ALPHA OMICRON.

Bro. C. S. Ferris, '88, has entered the law office of E. A. Everett, Potsdam, N. Y., as a partner.



Bro. F. L. Rowland was recently married at Howard, S. D., to Miss Bertha Langland.

Bro. M. D. Quinn, '89, has resumed the study of law with Hon. J. C. Keeler, and Bro. E. R. Barrows, '94, has taken his place as principal of the school at Altona, N. Y.

Bro. L. C. Sawyer, '81, has been appointed deputy collector at the port of Ogdensburg, N. Y.

Bro. W. T. McElroy, '89, of Buffalo, visited his chapter recently. He was summoned to Canton to attend the funeral of his mother.

Bro. C. C. Pinckney, the regular delegate of Tenn. Omega to the Fourteenth Biennial Congress, who was taken ill at Washington, has recovered, and is at his home in Richmond, Va.

Bro. N. A. Patillo, A. M. '89, of Ala. Beta Beta, having resigned the chair of mathematics at Millsaps College, has resumed the Ph. D. course at Johns Hopkins University.

## CLIPPINGS.

### SEASONABLE ARCTIC TALK.

BRO. E. P. LYON (MICH. BETA KAPPA) BEFORE THE STUDENTS OF THE HARVARD SCHOOL.

Prof. E. P. Lyon selected a seasonable subject for his lecture before the students of the Harvard school yesterday afternoon. He talked of "Greenland," and the stories of dangers and adventures and the views which illustrated them had a personal flavor, for he told of the unfortunate Cook expedition, of which he was a member. The proceeds of the lecture are to go to the humane captain of the schooner Rigel, who abandoned his fishing trip to bring the shipwrecked explorers back to the United States.

—*Chicago News Record*, Jan. 26, '95.

BRO. FAXON (TENN. ALPHA TAU) HONORED.

Mr. Jno. W. Faxon, formerly cashier of the Clarksville Farmers & Merchants' Bank, and at present assistant cashier of the First National Bank of this city, has ever since he became identified with the business interests and enterprise of Chattanooga, taken first rank among the progressive spirits that have made this city the most renowned of the many thorough-going cities of Tennessee. In all questions of improvement and development Mr. Faxon has shown himself up to the times.

At the annual meeting of the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce held here to-night, Mr. Faxon was unanimously elected President of that body, which was a great honor conferred.

The annual banquet followed at the Read House, attended by over 100 prominent citizens. Mr. Faxon made a fine speech, which was well received.

—*Tobacco Leaf Chronicle*, Jan. 11, '95.

A VIRGINIA BETA BROTHER IN RUSSIA.

Hon. Clifton R. Breckinridge, Ambassador to the court of St. Petersburg, is receiving many compliments in official circles for the excellent manner in which he is representing this country in the land of the Czar. Mr. Welcher, the well-known newspaper correspondent, in a lengthy article setting forth the good that Mr. Breckinridge has accomplished in Russia, says:

Mr. Clifton R. Breckinridge, although his commission as a full-fledged ambassador is in abeyance and his authority at the court of St. Petersburg extends no further than that of a simple plenipotentiary, has given gratifying evidence of his tact and adaptability to circumstances. One of the first measures called to his official notice when he reached St. Petersburg was the Standard Oil matter. It appears that the refiners of Russia supposed that he proposed interesting himself in furthering the Rockefeller deals in the Czar's dominions, and one of Mr. Breckinridge's first acts was to notify the Russian Foreign Office that our Government had nothing to do with the Standard Oil interests in any way. Hence the negotiations of the oil company received a set-back, and, as everybody knows, they fell through entirely. As a result Mr. Breckinridge immediately got into high favor with the Russian business interests and he proceeded to use this advantageous circumstance in negotiating for the admission of American reading matter and American travelers without the embarrassment of the usual inspection. Already word comes that these efforts have been successful and our citizens interested in Russian affairs are reaping the benefits. Alone among the foreign nations of the world, our country has the right of exempting its citizens from the detective search of private houses and personal effects, once they have passed the customs authorities. A mere production of a passport signed by our Secretary of State, together with registry at the office of any consul of our nation, stationed in Russia, will permit an American citizen to go unmolested about the Czar's dominions, provided no charge of sedition is pending against him. This is a rare concession for a man new in diplomacy to obtain. Mr. Breckinridge is now endeavoring to secure for American artists the privilege of taking home with them pictures and drawings of scenes and persons visited by them. Heretofore this has not been allowed, and as a result some very arbitrary imprisonments have been made on the charge of making unauthorized drawings of prisoners and suspects. Some of the most noted persons in Russia cannot be photographed or painted by our artists, although, singularly enough, native artists may make these pictures. An American painter who ventured to sketch on canvas from a photograph of the Czar's mother, was arrested as a suspect and had his painting ripped to pieces. It is not likely that outrages of this description will long be endured by our fellow citizens. Mr. Breckinridge will certainly not resign, in view of his successful career in Russia so far.

—*Arkansas Gazette*, Jan. 14, '95.

OUR W. G. C. JOINS THE BENEDICTS.

St. Paul's Church was thronged at high noon to-day by the as-

semblage gathered for the marriage of Miss Jane Threlkeld Cox and Dr. Larkin White Glazebrook. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Cox, widow of Mr. Thomas Campbell Cox, who was in the latter years of his life secretary of the British and American mixed commission, and the groom is a son of Rev. Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook of Elizabeth, N. J.; a great grandson of Commodore Truxton and Dr. Thomas Henderson. Dr. Glazebrook has only been in this city for a few years, but is already widely known and highly esteemed. The chancel of St. Paul's was elaborately decorated with palms and brilliantly illuminated by the many tapers burning on the altar and in the large side candelabra. Tall overarching palms met at the chancel gate and under this the couple stood during the betrothal service. On the altar the vases were filled with pink carnations. The ushers, who were kept busy up to the arrival of the bridal party in seating the guests, were Dr. Woodward, Mr. Eveleth Whiting, Mr. Montgomery Blair, Mr. J. E. Jones, Mr. Hatley Norton and Dr. Jump of Philadelphia. When the wedding march was heard, just at noon, the ushers met the bride and her attendants at the door and led the way to the chancel. The six bridesmaids were Miss Julia Wilson, Miss Eva Jones, Miss Hattie Chiffelle, Miss Virginia Glazebrook, Miss Sallie Cox and Miss Frances Cox, the latter two sisters of the bride. Following them walked the maid of honor, Miss Margaret Cox, and the bride, escorted by her brother, Mr. William Robinson Cox of New York. The betrothal service, which took place at the chancel gate, was performed by the rector of St. Paul's, Rev. Alfred Harding, and the groom's father, Dr. Otis Glazebrook, officiated during the remainder of the service.

The bride's gown was of white corded silk, the skirt very full and entirely plain, the high-necked waist having large puffed sleeves and trimmed with chiffon, her tulle veil held in place by her grandmother's pearls. Her bouquet was of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. The maid of honor, Miss Cox, wore pale blue crepon, with a waist of chiffon, cerise velvet collar and girdle, and a large hat of black velvet trimmed with black tips. Her bouquet was of pink carnations. The bridesmaids wore skirts of white crepon, bodices of white chiffon, cerise velvet collars and girdles, and large black velvet hats trimmed with black tips and bandeaux of cerise velvet. They also carried bouquets of pink carnations. Mrs. Thomas Cox wore to the church a gown of black crepon, with a bonnet of black jet and illusion trimmed with violets, and Miss Elizabeth Cox, her youngest daughter, wore tan cloth and brown velvet, with a dark red velvet hat. The groom's mother wore gray silk, with the bodice striped with bands of jet, and a bonnet of black net with jet ornaments. The reception which followed the ceremony at the residence of Mrs. Thomas Cox was intended only

for the relatives of the bride and groom, the bride especially having a large connection among the oldest resident families of the District, and many of her, as well as the groom's, relatives, being present from other places. Besides his parents, there were present his grandmother, Mrs. Larkin Glazebrook, of Richmond; his uncles, Messrs. Ambler and Waverly Glazebrook, and his brothers, Mr. Haslett Glazebrook, Mr. Frank Glazebrook and Mr. Allen Glazebrook, of Elizabeth, N. J. Mr. Edwin Robinson and Mr. Horace McEldrey of Baltimore, uncles of the bride, were present, and other out-of-town relatives were Miss Natalie Smith, of Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. Green and Mr. and Mrs. Day, of Elizabeth, N. J.

Others present were Judge Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Legare, Mrs. and Miss Phoenix, the Misses Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cox, the Misses Cox, Mr. and Mrs. William Corcoran Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shepard, Mr. Richard Smith, Mrs. Brownell, Representative and Mrs. Washington, Miss Riggs, Miss Jessie Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Mr. Robert E. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Chew, Dr. and Mrs. Goldsborough, Mrs. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Billings, Miss Billings, Mrs. Frank Shepard, Mr. and Mrs. Long Edes, Mr. and Mrs. Cassells, Dr. and Mrs. Wilmer, Dr. and Mrs. Ritchie Stone, Mrs. Chatard, Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Robinson, Mrs. and Miss Addison, Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell Craig, Mrs. J. Thompson Swann, Mrs. and Miss Draper, Mrs. and Miss Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill, Miss Sherrill and Mr. Frank Robinson. After their wedding trip, upon which Dr. and Mrs. Glazebrook started late this afternoon, they will reside at 1403 New York Avenue. The bride's going-away gown was of black cloth with emerald green velvet trimming the corsage. Her hat was a small toque of dark green velvet with black tips. She received quantities of elegant presents in solid silver, cut glass and crystal and fine lace.

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## ONE OF OUR FOUNDERS.

Erskin Mayo Ross, the youngest son of William B. Ross and Elizabeth Mayo Thom, his wife, was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, in 1846. He spent his boyish days in the sports and recreations usual to boys, on a large farm in Eastern Virginia, mainly with colored children for his playmates and companions, and by free exercise in the open air of that salubrious climate he laid in a stock of ruddy health and physical vigor which has never been exhausted. His school days were passed at a seminary of learning, known as Cabin Branch Academy, located on his father's plantation, and generally under the charge of a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute. Here he read, ciphered and recited until he was fifteen years old, when he was sent as a cadet to the State Military Institute at Lexington, Virginia.

The war between the states coming on, as he was too young to enlist as a soldier, Cadet Ross, then fifteen years old, joined himself as volunteer to the company of his uncle, Dr. J. Pembroke Thom, who was captain in a battalion of regular state troops. He served during General Lee's campaign in West Virginia, and was with Jackson at the Battle of Slaughter's Mountain. During this battle, the Confederate Troops at one period became broken and scattered. Young Ross was so active, energetic and successful in rallying broken bands, and leading them again into action, that he received at the hands of his commander, Stonewall Jackson, the proud distinction of being patted on the back on the field of battle, and commended for his coolness and courage. At the close of the campaign, upon the earnest solicitation of his father, who, in consideration of his tender age, was unwilling for him to bear the hardships of

a winter campaign, he returned to the Virginia Military Institute and continued his studies.

He, together with his classmates, Otis A. Glazebrook, now a D.D. in the Episcopal Church, and Alfred Marshall, now deceased, founded the Alpha Tau Omega Society in 1865.

He commanded a company of cadets in the Battle of Newmarket, in which Gen. John C. Breckenridge defeated the Federal General Siegel.

After the close of the war he served for a while, in Richmond, the firm of Crenshaw & Co., as clerk, and it was while here that he aided in founding the fraternity above mentioned.

In 1866, being invited by his uncle, Cameron E. Thom, of Los Angeles, California, to come and read law with him, he removed to that state, and after securing his license as a lawyer, he was taken into partnership by his uncle. The firm of Thom & Ross enjoyed a large and profitable practice for some years. Young Ross was then elected by a vote of the people to the Supreme Bench of the state, being at the time perhaps the youngest man ever elected Judge of the Supreme Court of the state. Having served out the term of his first election, he was re-elected for a term of twelve years, polling the largest vote of any member of the court. Before the expiration of his second term, he resigned his office as judge and returned to the practice of his profession. A few months after this, without his knowledge, he was selected by President Cleveland during his first administration to be Judge of the Southern District of California, a position he still holds and fills with honor to himself, and with benefit to his country.

He is married and has one son, now about fifteen years of age.

## TEXAS GAMMA EPSILON.

All Austin College was in quite a stir a few weeks ago, on account of the entrance, under the shade of darkness, of a mysterious body, whose banner bore the Maltese Cross, and was inscribed with the words, Alpha Tau Omega, which send a thrill through the heart of every initiate.

On the night of March 12th, a band of noble lads, with gay and festive hearts and beaming countenances, assembled in the halls of our noble institution, each one awaiting his turn to meet "Master William Goat," and to learn of the mysteries connected with, and of the "goblins" which at all times infest our hall, but which were called forth at this time, in full array, to aid in performing the rites of initiation on eleven of the most true-hearted, upright and honest men ever connected with this institution. For years A. T. O. has been turning her eyes to Texas, to find a resting place for her banner, but up to the founding of this chapter, she had failed to find a firm foothold in any institution, but at last she laid her touch on an institution, not so strong, perhaps, in number and finances as the State University, but, notwithstanding this, on a college, which is an honor to the State of Texas and which ranks with, over and above, a large number of our so-called universities in the South and North.

The Board of Trustees of the college have for years been opposed to the entrance of Greek Letter societies into the college, fearing they would create strife and envy among the students, and it was only last November that this barrier was removed, through a petition from and permit to the band of students who now compose Texas Gamma Epsilon, to organize some college fraternity.

Then it was that the writer, with the timely aid of Bro. S. E. Chandler (Tenn. Alpha Tau), a member of the Faculty, began to



take active steps toward planting the seeds of the principles of our noble brotherhood and to unfurl that banner, revered by all Alpha Taus, for the first time within the bounds of our great state, and to extend its jurisdiction from the regions of murmuring pine and hemlock of icy Maine to the vast expanse of arid plains of Texas, covering the United States from north to south, and from east to west.

After many weeks of anxious waiting on our part, the message came from our Worthy Grand Chief that the battle had been fought and the victory was ours. No one can know the feeling of joy that thrilled me on the receipt of that message. Some delay was occasioned in trying to obtain the presence and assistance of Alumni in this work.

Here permit me to digress from my subject and to urge the Committee on Directory to hasten to accomplish their work and deliver to us the Directory, the need of which was clearly demonstrated to me, in this undertaking. There are in Texas some thirty or forty Alumni, but how is one to reach them? Push the work and let it be only a short time until we may have a Directory. I have been living for years within forty miles of an Alpha Tau and have met him in business transactions, but, until a few weeks ago, I did not know he was a member of the fraternity.

The "personnel" of our new chapter is of the very highest in moral, social and scholastic standing. The roll of our chapter may be found in the chapter letter of this issue, also the various honors attached to each one.

One encouraging feature of our organization is the enthusiasm shown by the Alumni of the state, and their willingness to aid us in any way.

Our fraternity is the first and only chartered Greek Letter fraternity to plant its ensign at our institution, and her career promises to be long and profitable to the state, to the A. T. O. world and to the college.

The brothers all want a home, and movements are on foot for the building of same. Arrangements are being made and will soon be

completed for the purchase of one of the most desirable lots situated near the Campus, and it is only a matter of a short time, before the money will have been subscribed for a nice cozy home for "our boys," with no debt hanging over us.

We are sorry to see that our principle of conservatism is being misunderstood by some of our larger chapters, who seemed somewhat disinclined to vote for our charter, and it is to be hoped that this extension will go on, though discriminately.

I would ask that every chapter lend aid and encouragement to our new chapter at Austin College, for she is sure to become one of the leading chapters, either in the North or South, as is shown by the promptness of the members in all their undertakings.

Texas Gamma Epsilon extends to the entire A. T. O. world a cordial greeting. May it be ours to carry on the work so well begun, till A. T. O. may well rejoice in each true-hearted son!

BISHOP HOLMES, Tenn. Alpha Tau.

### INVOCATION.

Wind of the south, thy spicy odors bring  
O'er tropic isle and summer sunlit sea,  
Bathe with thine odorous musk this fair young tree,  
This lord of fen and forest, crown him king;  
Sing loud his praise, ye sweet-tongued warblers, sing,  
Entrance the earth with spell of witchery,  
While sun and soil and showers full and free  
Bring trophies rich to seek his guerdoning.  
Grow on, thou lithe-limbed monarch, full of grace,  
Let thy large leaves the rain-drops enfold,  
While evening rays of mellow-tinted gold  
Lock thy fair form in amorous embrace;  
Sprung from our love, thy stately, towering form,  
Strong in love's strength, shall brave the beating storm.

W. E. THOMPSON, Ga. Alpha Theta.

## COTTAGE DORMITORIES FOR STUDENTS.

The University of Pennsylvania is one of the few big colleges in the country that have no dormitories for their students. But now it proposes to supply this defect. Its management expects to spend in all one million dollars on living-apartments for the students, and it will start right away with the expenditure of \$210,000, and put up buildings which will accommodate 250 men.

The plan which has been adopted for these dormitories is one entirely new in this country. It is like that of the old dormitories at the English universities. It will require the use of more ground than is given to the living-quarters at Yale, Harvard, or Princeton, but it will also result in apartments which promise to be much more pleasant and healthful than those of the last-mentioned institution.

The idea is to have a large number of small buildings instead of several very big ones. These cottages will be built in continuous blocks on ground adjoining the present college building, and will be easy of access to the students in all departments of the institution. They will, of course, all be under the management of the University of Pennsylvania authorities, and will be rented from them.

About sixteen cottages will be erected to start with. They will be located on the southwest side of the present main collection of college buildings, on ground which belongs to the college, but which is unoccupied by buildings. They will be constructed of stone, in the late Tudor style of architecture, and will be three stories in height. They will face upon a court, and will have gardens about them. In effect they will resemble suburban residences.

Each cottage will accommodate fifteen or more students. The first floor will be elevated some eight feet from the ground, a cellar being underneath. Five rooms—four bedrooms and a bathroom—will open on one side into the central hallway; on the other side will be two studies, each one belonging jointly to the occupants of the two bedrooms immediately opposite it. The bedrooms will be eight by twelve feet each, and the studies thirteen by fourteen feet. Open fireplaces, electric lights, and steam heat will be in each bedroom. Broad window-seats and a plenitude of fixed bookshelves will be features of the studies. The bathrooms are to be fitted with all conveniences, and well lighted. Two of the three floors are to be arranged in this way. The top floor will be given over to single

bedrooms for the use of students wishing less expensive quarters. Graveled pathways will lead to the different cottages, and the approaches to them will be laid out with ornamental stone arches and handsome lawns.

The plans, when fully carried out, will cover a space of some twenty odd acres of ground with buildings. The present athletic-grounds of the university will be occupied with cottages, which will surround the part on which the football field is now laid out. The football platform itself will remain as a central campus. The two collections of cottages will have communication with each other by the streets bisecting the rows of buildings, and those on which some of them finally will front. Heavy stone archways will bridge certain of the bisecting streets, giving continuity to the arrangement of buildings.

The plan also contemplates the erection in one plot adjoining the cottages of a large chapel which will accommodate all the students, the present chapel in College Hall proving entirely too cramped even for the needs of the university now. A dining-hall which will seat 1000 students is also included in the plans, this hall to have the kitchens situated below it, and to be located centrally to all the cottages. Both the dining-hall and the chapel, for the present, however, will not be begun, the need for the cottages being more pressing. The first collection of cottages to be erected will be known as the "West Dormitory," from its position relatively to College Hall, Medical and Dental halls, and the Library.

The University of Pennsylvania now has considerably over 2,000 students. A large proportion of these reside in their homes in and about the city. Most of those who come from outside the city board in the great number of apartments which are rented by private parties in the neighborhood. How many students will take advantage of the new dormitories, and rent rooms there, it is impossible to say. The plan for the cottages, however, contemplates the housing of 1000. Provost Harrison, who took Dr. William Pepper's place with the beginning of the present collegiate year, is at the head of the movement, which is to have its first results in the immediate erection of a number of these cottages, and he is enthusiastic in his belief that the idea of separate buildings will prove a successful innovation, and preferable to the "barracks" plan which rules at the other large universities in the United States.

—*Harper's Weekly.*

## CLASS POEM.

### I.

To-day we raise a monument  
To college joys and college fears,  
And bid it stand in coming years  
To mark the spot 'round which we spent  
Those dear days in these wisdom halls,  
And learned to lisp in stranger tongue  
The accents of heroic song,—  
To sing of battle-stormed walls,  
When Orpheus his pipings spread  
Among the woods which stood entranced  
Till forest giants leaped and danced,  
And sirens dwelling 'mong the dead,  
With voices tuned to angel lyres,  
Lured heroes to that death-doomed shore  
From which their souls should pass no more  
Except to Pluto's fatal fires.  
Here, too, the large philosophy  
Of other life and other spheres  
Has been repeated in our ears,  
And taught us all the mystery  
Of knowledge widening out her span  
To reach the farthest distant lands,  
And touch with light remotest strands  
And shine upon the path of man.  
To all these wisdom-words to-day  
We rear in kind and fruitful soil  
A memory of the care and toil  
Which, too, to joy shall tribute pay.

### II.

Far o'er the moorland gleams a star  
Which sent to us inviting rays  
To lure us on to learning's ways,  
And while we follow it afar  
Its cheering light has led us on  
Beyond the portals of the night,  
Into the day of truth and right,  
Into the glory-gilded dawn



Of manhood strong with wisdom's gain,  
And learning's treasures which we hold  
Fairer than famed Golconda's gold  
And richer than its deepest vein.

Behold, O messenger of light,  
Oh, kindly star, thy mission o'er,  
To thee we wish a grateful store  
Of surcease from thy toil to-night.

Sweet be thy rest, O star divine,  
Thou comforter and joy of youth,  
Illimitable source of truth;  
Rest, and eternal peace be thine.

## III.

To-day the years pass in review,  
Their martial hosts lift grave salute,  
Their minute sentinels are mute,  
And crowded cohorts file into

The shadowed realms of far-off lands.  
They pass, and we in silence view  
Familiar forms which once we knew,  
Bearing their trophies in their hands.

Their captain sends a kindly smile,  
The soldiers pass without a cheer,  
The picket-hours bring up the rear,  
And on beyond the view they file.

Pass on, O years, with solemn tread,  
Let drum-beat sound the gathering throng,  
Let empyrean ring with song,  
Till the loud echo wakes the dead.

Pass on in triumph, O ye years,  
Thy work is done, thy tale is told,  
And ev'n thy minstrelsy is old  
And we are weary of thy tears.

## IV.

The time is ripe for great events,  
The people hang upon a word  
And, listening still, no voice is heard  
To soothe their muttered discontents.

Like beasts at bay they growl and fret  
And gnash their teeth with muttered curse,  
Declaring: "This is for the worse,"  
Desiring what they cannot get.

Like one who wandered thro' the street  
And in the narrow walk and way,  
Bearing his lantern in the day,  
If haply he by searching meet

A man, the wise men seek again  
For one with honesty of mind  
And iron heart, yet true and kind,  
And shall their searching be in vain?

To arms, ye boys of ninety-five,  
Go forth to battle for the light,  
Down with the wrong, enthrone the right,  
And show how honest men should live.

## V.

We leave behind the numerous joys  
Of student life and college days;  
We sing no more the merry lays  
That marked the tasks of college boys;

We go to other scenes than these,  
And all the passion-shaded days  
Will linger like a mellow haze  
Of twilight on the purple seas;

The birds will chant in campus trees  
In other days their matin song,  
Their vesper hymn will float along  
In mellow murmur thro' the breeze;

The sun will glint tall Seney's spire  
And light the earth with beauteous ray  
And gladden all the glorious day  
With kindlings formed of crimson fire;

The moon will shine through swirls of smoke  
Which bathe the grass in clouds of mist  
And linger where the dew has kissed  
The violets 'neath the campus oak:

But we shall only see the haze  
Of years that stretch themselves behind,  
And in the second youth of mind  
We'll prattle of our college days.

## VI.

The old clock in the college tower  
Rings out with joy its ling'ring chime,

Rings in clear notes the dreaded time  
And sounds the recitation hour.

If tongue, O clock, could tell to thee  
The agony of every sound,  
The sore distress, the smarting wound,  
Then wouldst thou ring so clear and free?

Thou seemest almost human, thou  
Who mindeth not weak man's desire,  
But soundeth dreadful words and dire:  
"Enough, enough, thy time is now."

Toll on, O bell, to us there come  
No timid dreads, no shaking fear—  
Toll on; thy tones we shall not hear,  
To us thy lips are sealed and dumb.

Beat out with rage the empty time,  
We rest beneath the shaded oaks,  
Nor care to number all thy strokes,  
Thy tones are but a hollow chime.

## VII.

Comrades, look out beyond the pale  
Of coming years and gather strength.  
Your eyes shall view the tortuous length  
Where serpents wind their sinuous trail,

And virtue, clad in garments torn,  
With weary form and haggard eye,  
And toiling daily lest she die,  
At night-tide praying for the morn,

And, morning come, she knows not where  
To seek her ounce of honest bread,  
Half wishing she were truly dead,  
Half fearing God will hear her prayer;

While vice, with voice of revelry,  
Sits idly in his palaces  
And mocks at all the deep distress  
And counts his coin with vulgar glee.

Be strong and hopeful; God will see  
That right to wrong shall not be thrall.  
His prophets live and have not all  
To Baal bowed the servile knee;

But they, in His own time, shall rise  
With victory shout of battle won,  
Like Judah storming Askelon,—  
Shall rise to smite His enemies.

## VIII.

We leave the old familiar groves  
That hold us in a rapturous spell—  
The faces we have loved so well,  
For other life and other loves.

We mark to-day the kindly eye,  
The kingly heart, the trembling lip,  
The confident companionship  
That hesitates to say good-bye.

Ah, heaven-born tie that binds the heart,  
Ah, friendship, solace of the mind,  
Blest benefactor of mankind,  
Surely a spark from heaven thou art.

But ev'n thy love no boon doth bring  
To him who says the sad farewell;  
Thou'rt like the wild rose of the dell  
Which hides beneath its folds a sting.

The parting hour is drawing nigh,  
The ship is waiting at the pier,  
Her flag is floating free and clear  
And leaps to kiss the cloudless sky.

Oh, Mother Emory, old and gray,  
Thy face is passing sweet and fair;  
We bless thee with our parting prayer,  
For thou hast taught us how to pray.

Watch o'er thy sons, for thine we are,  
To thee we lift our songs of praise  
And in life's tedious, toilsome ways  
Thy love shall be our guiding star.

I hear the sounding of the bell,  
The sun is shining thro' the trees,  
The sails are swelling with the breeze—  
Emory, our Mother-Queen, farewell!

W. E. THOMPSON, Ga. Alpha Theta.

## LIEUTENANT FREMONT P. PECK.

Lieutenant Fremont P. Peck was killed by the bursting of a cannon while on duty at Sandy Hook on the evening of Feb. 19th.

By this accident the U. S. Army lost an excellent officer, and the army of Alpha Tau a very noble and approved good fellow. His college life was a part of mine,—I think he was at St. Lawrence through the last two years of my course—and we were rather closer to each other than students generally are. He was an able student, and while he was given to fun with perhaps unusual devotion, I liked him all the better for that. I recall a hot day in August, '85, when I came to see him at the Sturtevant House in this city, where he was stopping on a little excursion with his classmates. They had a big room, and were lounging about in the comfortable uniform of nature, and they gave me a broadside of good-tempered slang when I entered. The boys were just wallowing in fun, and between stories "Montey" (that was his nickname) told me all about the round of work and devilment at West Point, and when his back was turned, one of the other boys told me all about "Montey." When I saw him again he was a man. He had graduated in 1887,—fourth in his class, I believe—and received the appointment of Second Lieutenant in the First Regiment of Artillery, stationed in San Francisco. He came into my office immediately on his return in 1893. His playful and boyish manner had disappeared. He stood erect, and spoke with a certain reserve and dignity. He was a soldier. I suppose he saw some change in me, for somehow we had to feel our way to each other. But for one thing we should have failed utterly.

"Peck," said I, "you look as if you were as hard as nails."

"I am," said he; "feel of that muscle," and then he tightened his biceps and laughed when I took hold of his arm. Then for a few moments we were boys again, and we parted with promises that



were never kept. As a matter of fact we were hopelessly apart, and I knew I should go to Australia, before I landed at Governor's Island.

When I saw him again, it was after that monster gun had finished him. I had been sitting at my desk with a heavy heart. Suddenly I threw down my pen, put on my hat, and started for Governor's Island. A soldier stood by the stove in the waiting room at the Battery with tears in his eyes.

"Have they brought Lieutenant Peck to the Island?" I asked of him.

"Yes, I'm a-goin' to look at his body," said he. "I was one o' his men."

"You knew him well, then."

"I've knowed him since he came to the Hook, an' Peck was a man. I'll tell ye—he was a *man*."

"But he was careless," said a sergeant, who overheard us as we were going aboard the boat. "He might a stood be'ind the butt."

"That's all right," said the soldier, "but he wan't no man to stand behind anything. He wan't afraid. Now if *you'd* a been killed I'm bettin' everybody on the Hook 'd have been killed."

In a little room under the hospital on Governor's Island, I saw the last I shall ever see of my friend. He had got the "red badge of courage"—a greater glory than stars and epaulets. Next day they gave him a hero's funeral and when the three taps sounded and Generals and the whole battalion stood uncovered, I felt a mighty pride in me to think that this dead soldier had been my friend.

I have not much more to write about him that will be new to his friends, and what I have written will probably seem trivial and unimportant. But to me it means something, if that is enough. I am indebted to the N. Y. Alpha Omicron chapter of Alpha Tau, in which Lieutenant Peck was initiated in '82, for a friendship which has been helpful, and which has given me a share in the sorrow of his family. For the rest, let me quote from a daily paper:

"Lieutenant Peck leaves an aged father, Mr. A. W. Peck, formerly sheriff of this county. His mother died sixteen years ago. He leaves





two sisters, Mrs. George A. Lance and Miss Flora Peck, who lives with her father; and two brothers, Frank H. Peck, formerly district attorney of this county, and at one time a member of the law firm of Peck & McConnell, and now of Bakersfield, California, where he is engaged in the practice of law, and Carson C. Peck, of New York. The deceased was unmarried.

“At the time when Lieutenant Peck passed from the artillery to the ordnance department he secured promotion over no less than 200 lieutenants who had been in service longer than he. At the time he was stationed at Springfield he was the youngest first lieutenant in the army.

“At the time he was transferred from the artillery to the ordnance department, General Miles requested the chief of ordnance at Washington to allow him to serve on his staff. The chief replied that he thought it would be better for Lieutenant Peck to spend a longer time in the ordnance department, as it would prove a good school for him.

“It is certain that had he lived, a brilliant career was before him, a fact which is attested by his military record of the past.”

IRVING BACHELLER.

### HER SMILE.

When first I met my sweetheart, then,

’Twas four-and-twenty years ago—

Bright were her eyes, her lips so red,

Her brow, like virgin-snow.

Old Time hath dealt with her full hard;

Those lips are now no longer red,

And in her hair I catch a glimpse

Of here and there a silver thread.

Those eyes are dim, but oh! her smile,

Age may not touch, Time cannot sever!

And when she smiles on me I know

I love her more than ever.

April 8th, ’95.

J. S. BROWN.



## A SKETCH OF PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER.

The sixteenth year of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity's existence was characterized by a marked spirit of zeal and aggression. There were at that time fourteen chapters upon the roll; the only one which was not distinctly Southern being a nondescript community chapter called Illinois Chi, located at Chicago. For years those at the head of the organization had been toiling and laboring with the indomitable will and perseverance of a Fabian to carry their principles and their hearts' hopes into a wider territory. They particularly wished to place the banner of Alpha Tau Omega upon the northern side of Mason & Dixon's line, so that they would be able to exemplify what they had preached, that they were members of a fraternity which was founded on principles, world-wide, everlasting, non-partisan and which recognized no North, no South, no East, no West, but had for one of its primary objects the healing of the dissensions caused by a home-breaking, internecine war.

Moved by such considerations, there was extant at this time an intense desire to enter new institutions. Running through all the official correspondence of this period, one may see a wish on the part of all to place charters at institutions where hitherto the fraternity was unknown. As evidence of this we find such expressions as follow: "May the banner of A. T. O. ever float victoriously, and may her cause find zealous champions everywhere." About the time that the above was written a communication was received from a "generous, liberal-minded, whole-souled alien," offering to assist our fraternity to put a chapter in a desirable institution of learning located in a desirable section. "This offer was referred to a committee of Congress and it was recommended that Mr. ——'s courteous proffer of assistance be gratefully accepted, and that his communication be turned over to the High Council for its further action



in the premises." In obedience to this earnest desire to develop the brotherhood, the Congress of 1880 resolved *inter alia*, "That one chapter in each state be appointed as especial propagator of the order in the state, and that The High Council designate said chapters." But though the paramount desire of the brethren at that time was to extend the hitherto too limited bounds of the fraternity and although every good opportunity was made the most of, still it was instinctively felt by all that unless chapters were placed in the North, all further effort would be vain and fruitless and all past work would yield but a small part of what it should. In the second number of the PALM, there is a sad lament based upon the following circumstances: "In a certain well-known university in a certain Northern state is located a certain association of most select students." One of the members of the fraternity became interested in this local organization and succeeded in getting the permission of the authorities of the institution and of the fraternity to organize it into a chapter. The members were pleased with the thought of entering a *secret* college order, were pleased with the proposer and were pleased with the fraternity, having known it quite well by reputation, but there was this difficulty in the way: "*We had no chapters in the North.*" Then comes this outburst from the PALM, exclamation mark and all: "Think of it, Alpha Taus—a magnificent chapter possibly lost to us because we have not yet planted our banner in the North!" Then follows an appeal to the brethren to bestir themselves: "We are going to be aggressive from this time forth. So get ready, Alpha Taus, one and all, for our onward march, North . . . . Bestir yourselves, then, brothers, especially those who live in Northern and Eastern States, and who consequently have such golden opportunities, and let us see who shall be the first to apply for a permit to establish a Northern chapter. The distant North and West must be invaded so that the banner of Alpha Tau Omega may wave in every quarter of this grand Union."

At this time everything was teeming with new life and hope, and everywhere there seems to have been an effort at extension being made. The PALM had just been established, which had invigorated

and enthused the brethren in a remarkable degree. The old method of communication by letter between the chapters could now be dispensed with, and all the brothers feeling closer, more united action was possible. We learn that the Tennessee chapters will extend the order within their borders. Other chapters call upon the *propagating* chapter of Virginia to be more active. But withal, the feeling was general that much of the work would amount to naught unless some chapters were established in the North and instead of taking rank as a National fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega was doomed to sink into a mere provincial organization.

At last the new territory was invaded. The land, rich in treasure and hope, which had for so long a time tempted the anxious members, was entered and the welcome news was heralded through the fraternity that at last a chapter had been established in the North. On April 5th, 1881, Pennsylvania Tau was organized at the University of Pennsylvania by Bro. Sylvanus Stokes. Bro. N. Wiley Thomas, Ph. D., was the first man initiated into the chapter, the first member of the fraternity who did not claim the South as his home.

Brother Thomas' connection with his mother chapter was of short duration, as soon after he came to Muhlenberg College to finish his course in chemistry under Prof. Edgar Smith, Ph. D. Imbued with love of his fraternity, believing in its principles, moved with the hope that its influence might be extended, disregarding all obstacles, and sure that Truth must conquer, he gathered together a handful of kindred spirits and on October 14th, 1881, initiated the first members of Pennsylvania Alpha Iota into the mysteries of the fraternity. Although the charter is dated September 11th, 1881, the above is the correct date of the real foundation of the chapter. Time and misfortune have destroyed the records of those days, so that Bros. Ira Wise and Rev. R. Morris Smith both claim the honor of being the first initiate.

The brethren of those days were not rushed into the fraternity with mystic rites and stately ceremonies. No banquets were spread; no toasts and sentiments were drunk with Burgundy or claret, nor

even with the nectar of Gambrinus. The candidate took the solemn and binding obligations when and where necessity might dictate. From place to place they roamed wherever secrecy might be found. For some, the beakers and alembics of the laboratory furnished the background for those who bound them to render love and obedience to the fraternity and the brethren. One took his bonds in the midnight hour in the earth-smelling cellar of an unfinished building, nothing but the sweating walls echoing the "so be it" of those assembled.

From the beginning all was work. If they intended to redeem their pledges and fulfill their vows it meant work, and fortunately for the fraternity, work they could. Poor in money, they were rich in hope. Few in numbers, they made up for their paucity in zeal.

Among the numerous constellations of fraternities in the North, two small stars might now be seen twinkling weakly, dimly. Now their light seemed to grow stronger, anon it became dimmer. As far as the boys of Alpha Iota were concerned, they knew that they had raised a light in the darkness, a beacon in the wilderness, and they were resolved that it should not go out. Aye, though their nails were worn to the quick in search for oil.

It needed determination and grit in those days to make the attempt to keep alive the newborn chapter. The fraternity was unknown except by reputation and the members were jeered at as being members of a "*nigger frat*," and even the emblem of the cotton plant was looked at with scorn by the other Greeks. They were obliged to cope against two prominent fraternities, who had chapters placed at the college for quite a time. Phi Gamma Delta's chapter was then fourteen years old and Chi Phi's was but a year younger. Besides these, there was a local club called the O. E.'s, whose antagonistic influence was also felt.

Against such odds the new chapter began its career. The loneliness of the members of these two Northern chapters may be somewhat imagined by this plaint from a letter of Penn. Tau: "The thing we most lament is that, with the exception of Brother Stokes, we do not know a single member of the fraternity personally." In

a PALM letter from Penn. Alpha Iota, we see the hope expressed that they may see in it "letters from all the different chapters, especially our Southern chapters, of whose condition, we must confess, we are almost ignorant."

The chapter struggled along, few in numbers, but indomitable in spirit. Brother Thomas manifested his zeal in a manner which it is due him the fraternity should never forget. In the early part of the year 1881 he was initiated into Penn. Tau. In the fall of the same year he instituted Penn. Alpha Iota. In 1882 he founded Penn. Alpha Pi, Alpha Rho, and Alpha Upsilon. The members of Alpha Rho were initiated in the same physical laboratory (Professor Thomas' demonstration room) in which Alpha Iota began its existence. Meanwhile chapters had been placed at Steven's Institute, Columbia College, Adrian College, and St. Lawrence University. The future of the fraternity was assured. The banner of Alpha Tau Omega was now planted so securely in the long desired region that, no matter how the storms of adversity assailed it, it could never fall. The chapter roll now showed twenty-six active chapters and three Alumni Associations.

No matter what effort is made or toil gone through, the hard fact remains that *ex nihilo, nihil fit*. Try as they might, the members of the chapter could only bring their number up to seven. They were resolved to sacrifice their charter rather than to admit any black sheep or persons afraid to work. For three weary years the effort was kept up. Everything was done which zeal and honor could dictate to keep alive the chapter. A hall was rented upon the principal street of the city, but the expenses were too great to maintain it long. At last they could do no more. When several of their men had graduated, tired in spirit and sore at heart, with crushed but not deadened hope, they sent back their charter.

They did not give up the fight, however. There was a member of the chapter constantly in the college waiting for a propitious moment when the bark could again be launched. After three years of waiting and watching, an opportunity was seen. Brothers Metzger and Leopold, while in the senior year of the college course, in the



spring of 1888, secured permission to revive the chapter and initiated into the fraternity Bro. Alfred J. Yost, M. D. A better choice could not have been made. Popular and energetic, full of love for the fraternity and its principles, he gave to the cause all his time and attention, and no sacrifice could be too great for him to make to advance the chapter's interests. Under his leadership, the membership increased to some seventeen or eighteen men. ✕ Feeling that a chapter without a hall was akin to a congregation without a church or a family without a home, chapter quarters were again procured. We now have the same tale of toil and trouble which we had before. Expenses were high. Dues were increased to meet them until they became beyond endurance. One evening, after a year of effort, the hall was dismantled. The paraphernalia was destroyed, so that no Vandal hand might use or barbaric eye see it, and, with heavy hearts, the brethren left the hall and returned the key to their landlord.

Now comes a period of gloom and depression which reflects credit, for its happy outcome, upon all concerned. During the year 1889-90, though without a home, only some ten or eleven in number, resolution to persevere and succeed seemed to increase as new obstacles had to be surmounted. For a year dues went on regularly, although as one of the boys expressed it, "it was like sending money into a bottomless pit." Nothing was heard but plans and schemes. The boys went about with faces as serious as though the fate of empires was in their hands. Two and even more meetings a day were held, and still nothing but discussions, propositions, and confabulations. On June the 12th, of '91, the last meeting of the year was held. Each of the Brothers promised to contribute ten dollars to carry on the campaign next year. Bros. Wm. H. Cooper, M. D., and Leo Wise, Esq., were appointed a committee to manage the affairs of the Chapter during the following vacation. Very much work was done during the summer, and not without its fruits.

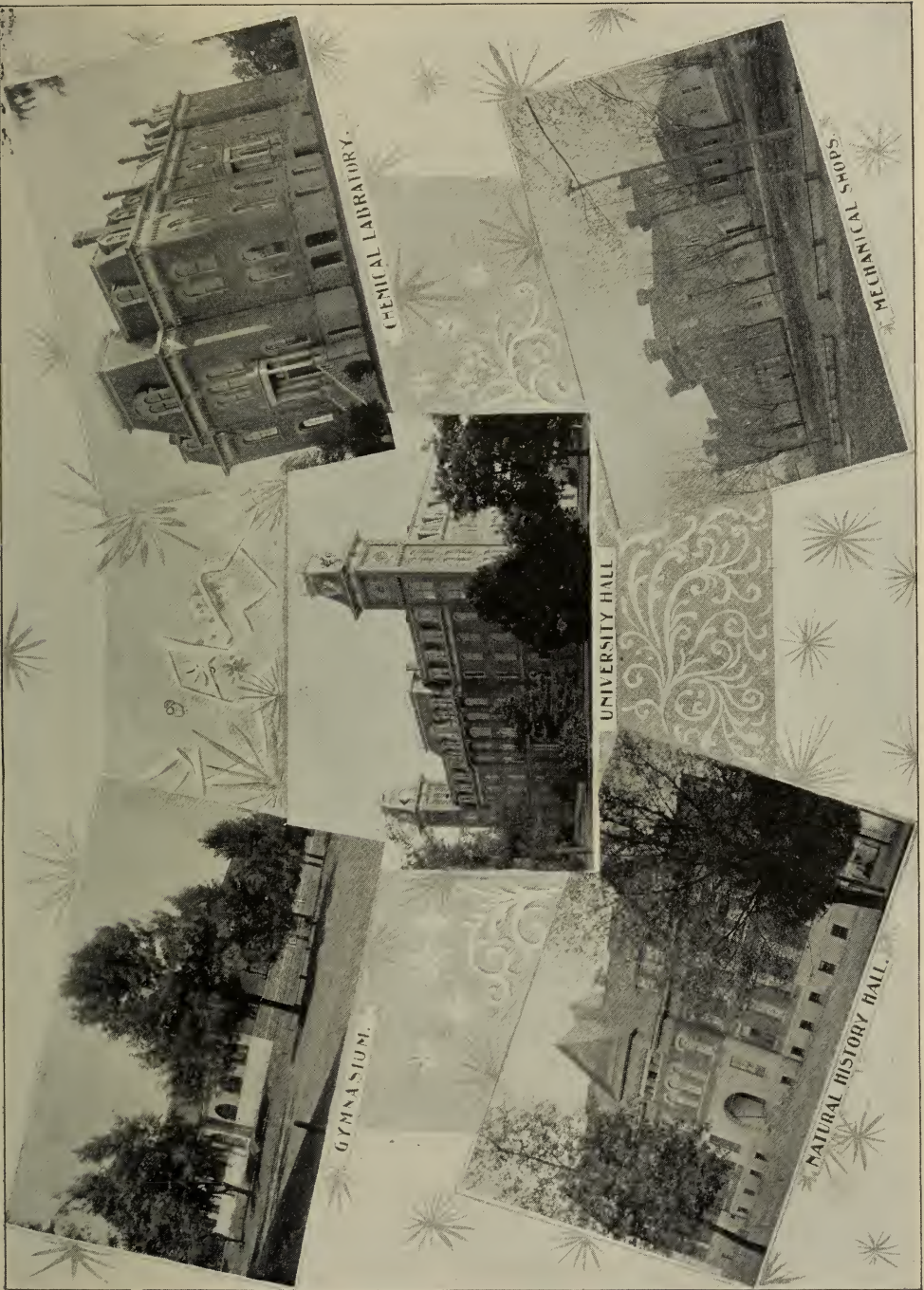
When the College opened in the fall, what was the surprise of the students to see upon one of the principal buildings of the city the escutcheon of Alpha Tau Omega! It seemed almost beyond belief, but there it was and has remained from that day to this. The Chap-



ter now had a home, spacious and well-furnished, loyal alumni, a healthy exchequer, and, above all, a set of honest, manly men. As Alpha Iota was, in a certain sense, the offspring of Penn. Tau, it was only seemly that as a tender daughter she should succor her mother in the hour of need. Dr. Alfred J. Yost entered the University of Pennsylvania and repaid the debt which Penn. Alpha Iota owed to Penn. Tau, by reviving it and placing it upon an excellent basis. When Penn. Alpha Rho was revived in the fall of 1891 by Dr. Larkin White Glazebrook, our present Worthy Grand Chief, the first initiation was held in the Hall of Pennsylvania Alpha Iota.

When tiny rivulets rise in the mountains, they are interesting in their never ceasing change. When, somewhat larger, they crash and surge through Alpine gorges, we watch them by the hour; but a single look suffices when, mighty, powerful, peaceful, they take their way through meadows and flower-bedecked banks. So it is with history. The troublous times are always the more picturesque, and from this time on, though the chapter has been more successful, its history is less interesting. Before finishing, it would be well take a look at the chapter in its prime. Up to this date it has initiated sixty-one men. Its members have taken numerous honors and are respected by the faculty and students of the institution in which it is placed. Its alumni are scattered far and wide. In the distant Orient and in the West, Alpha Iota has its representatives. Its members are to be found in nearly all the professions and avocations of life. The bar, the ministry, and medicine have their share. Some are teachers and others serve themselves and their families in humbler positions; but all are an honor to the chapter and to the fraternity, and the feeling is that not one could be parted with. Thus far the Angel of Death has robbed us of but one of our members.

Although the old time was full of vicissitudes and heart burnings, it still had some pleasures which served to relieve the gloom of that somewhat dreary period. Now and then the boys would invest a few shekels in a bottle of wine and thus brighten up the future and resolve on fresh exertions. Many a time the pale moon looked down



CHEMICAL LABORATORY.

MECHANICAL SHOPS.

UNIVERSITY HALL.

NATURAL HISTORY HALL.

GYMNASIUM.

SOME UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BUILDINGS.



on a strange procession of Alpha Taus wending its way over the turn-pike towards the village of Mountainville, some three miles distant, where it might be regaled. The procession on its homeward way may not have been as dignified, but was much more jolly.

After the chapter had strengthened itself and was on a secure footing, several banquets were given, at which Alpha Tauism in its most rampant form was most decidedly in evidence. One of the most pleasant events of the chapter's career occurred during the Commencement week of '92. This was the Quarter-Centennial year of the college and was celebrated with due pomp and magnificence. Alpha Iota claimed her sons for herself and gathered them into her Temple. During the day a photograph of the Alumni chapter was taken and, after a banquet in the evening, an initiation was held in the Chapter Hall at which all of the visiting brethren were present, some of whom had never seen an initiation held in form. Many were unknown to the Active Chapter. Under the "Good of the Order" what a time there was! What sentiments were uttered! It was a time which made men feel that it was a good and ennobling thing to be an Alpha Tau.

We have briefly traced the chapter history from its inauspicious beginning to the present. It is not a tale of unvarying success, but rather a statement of facts, which shows what energy, zeal, and, above all, right principles will do when thoroughly used and imbued into the very being of a chapter. The graduates are loyal and honored, and the most that can now be wished for is that, though they may not all meet each other in this bustling world of ours again, they may remain steadfast in purpose and never prove recreant to the trust reposed in them as High Wardens and Worthy Custodians of the Alpha Tau Jewels.

LEO WISE, Pennsylvania Alpha Iota.



## THE FOUNDING OF ILLINOIS GAMMA ZETA.

"I've reached the land of corn and wine," so sang Brothers Atwood, Lyon and Thornton of Chicago Alumni Association on March 16, when their train stopped at the University of Illinois. The words of the old song seemed fitting. For miles the Illinois Central has laid its "deadly parallels" through prairie corn-farms. The university town is in the midst of the corn country; and its name, Champaign, is suggestive, in sound if not in spelling, of other thirst-quenchers than "cawn-juice."

The three men above mentioned had come to this new Beulah Land to initiate a chapter of Alpha Tau Omega. They were met at the depot by several of the prospective victims and escorted to the handsome hall, which, with commendable zeal, the new organization had already fitted out with elegant carpets and curtains, chairs upholstered in blue and gold, and a fine piano. The Maltese Cross in the fraternity colors looked down from the ceiling, and the room was as cozy and home-like as one could wish. Under such circumstances, it is no travesty to say that Ill. Gamma Zeta was born with a golden spoon in her mouth.

The following were initiated into the new chapter:

T. Arkle Clark, and Nathan A. Weston, of the faculty; Henry W. Grieme, Mark Hay, P. W. Newcomer, Charles W. Noble, C. O. Pitney, J. Colby Beekman, James Branch, E. C. Flannigan, Parker H. Hoag, Wm. T. Sumner, Rice Boyles, and A. J. Helton, of the undergraduates.

At ten o'clock that night the Alpha Tau yell resounded for the first time through the streets of Champaign as the company repaired to the banquet room, where, at tables arranged to form the fraternity insignia, the comprehensive French menu was investigated, from *Huitre sur coquilles* to *Cigares*, by comprehensive American



appetites. Professor Clark acted as toastmaster and responses were made as follows:

"Alpha Tau Omega," .....Wm. G. Atwood, N. Y. Beta. Theta.  
 "Our University," .....N. A. Weston, Ill. Gamma Zeta.  
 "Our Prospects," .....Charles W. Noble, Ill. Gamma Zeta.  
 "The Ladies," .....Wm. T. Sumner, Ill. Gamma Zeta.  
 "The Goat," .....E. P. Lyon, Mich. Beta Kappa.  
 "Our New Chapter," .....E. A. Thornton, N. Y. Alpha Omicron.

Then all went to bed with the satisfying knowledge that Gamma Zeta is a living reality.

The University of Illinois is a prosperous and growing institution and includes colleges of literature, science, engineering and agriculture. It was incorporated in 1867 as the Illinois Industrial University, which name was changed in 1885 to the University of Illinois. The school received from the national government a grant of 480,000 acres. The sum received from the sale of this land is held inviolate as endowment. Besides this, Champaign County gave \$100,000, and the State legislature has from time to time made appropriations, though not until recently have the needs of the institution been properly recognized by the people's representatives. The present value of the university property and endowment is nearly \$1,500,000. The engineering college has from the first maintained a high position. At this school was begun the first *shop instruction* in American universities. Of late the colleges of literature and science have attained equal standing with those of practical arts. The united faculty numbers about seventy.

The buildings are somewhat irregularly disposed on the large, level grounds. Many of them are old and hardly meet modern requirements. The Natural Science Hall, including the biological laboratories and library, is excellent; while the fine new Engineers' Building would be an ornament to any university campus. It is expected that the present legislature will provide for other needed buildings.

The student attendance of this year numbers 809, of whom 137 are women. For a long time fraternities were excluded. The bar was removed in 1891, and since that date the following have established chapters:

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1891, Sigma Chi,                   “                   “ .....	22
1892, Phi Delta Theta   “                   “ .....	23
1894, Delta Tau Delta   “                   “ .....	14

With so few rivals and so many available men, it is seen that our chapter can maintain a high standard.

Among student organizations are three literary societies, numerous departmental and social clubs, and excellent Glee, Mandolin and Guitar clubs.

The student publications are *The Illini*, a weekly paper, on the staff of which Alpha Tau Omega is represented by Brothers New-comer and Beekman; *The Technograph*, published annually by the engineering societies (Brother Noble represents the Architects' Club this year); and the *Illio*, published annually by the Junior class.

In athletics the University of Illinois won first place in both of the western meets of 1894, that at St. Louis, by a score of 71 out of 133, and that at Chicago, by 17 points above the next competitor. In the last named meet eleven colleges and universities were represented. The base-ball and foot-ball teams have always had a good balance of "Games won" over "Games lost."

Chicago Association feels a deep interest in the new chapter as a child of its own creation, Brother Atwood being godfather. The association congratulates the chapter on its admission into Alpha Tau Omega and on its bright prospects. It congratulates the fraternity on the acquisition of such a chapter.

E. P. LYON.

## OBITER DICTA.

No similar organization has ever been more fortunate than ours, in the personnel of its founders. No fraternity can point to a nobler trio than Marshall, Glazebrook and Ross. The first went to his death, after great self-sacrifice, in a most gallant and noble manner; the surviving founders have been separated from each other by the breadth of a continent. One has won a splendid reputation as an eloquent, powerful and high-souled divine; the other has won the confidence of all classes of people and has proved a terror to evil-doers and oppressors of all kinds as an incorruptible, learned and just judge. Only within the last few weeks the chief executive of the nation has again bestowed merited honors on founder Ross.

As far as the fraternity is concerned, Brother Ross has been heard from very seldom, owing to his comparative isolation from the strongholds of Alpha Tau Omega; but he has, nevertheless, maintained a deep interest in her wonderful progress, as is evidenced by his cordial messages to each Congress. The sketch which is contained in this number and which was written by a near relative of our distinguished founder, together with the cut from a late photograph, which the PALM was very fortunate in securing, will certainly prove of great value to all who are interested in any way in Alpha Tau Omega. No better example can be selected for imitation by the younger members of the fraternity than the record of the Hon. Erskine Mayo Ross.

For some time the Exchange Department of the PALM has been neglected, owing to the large amount of matter of more immediate interest to Alpha Taus. Meanwhile, most exchanges have come to us regularly, and have been more or less carefully examined, for hints and news items. Some of them seem to have been discontinued, while others have changed management. Not long ago the *Kappa Alpha Journal*, in a criticism of the PALM, led the reader to infer that we had earnestly discussed the question of the eligibility of negroes to membership in our fraternity. No greater injustice

was ever done, for, like other unfavorable criticisms, this obtained quite general circulation among the Greek press. No subsequent number of the *Journal* has reached the PALM, but we understand that due apology was made for the error. The *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi is still published under the excellent management of Mr. Clay W. Holmes, although at one time there was some doubt expressed by the editor as to the continued existence of the magazine. The other *Shield*, that of Phi Kappa Psi, is now published in Chicago, and its character and general appearance has been considerably changed under the management of the new editor, Mr. G. Fred Rush. The *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta still pursues the even tenor of its way under the experienced guidance of Dr. J. E. Brown, of Columbus, O. The *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon continues under the editorial management of Mr. H. C. Burger, of Boston, Mass. *Chi Phi Chakett* appears in as good taste and is as interesting as ever under the supervision of Mr. John D. Adams, of New York. The *Delta* of Sigma Nu has been moved from Kansas to Kentucky, and, we fear, has suffered by the change. The *Scroll* reports that the *Delta Upsilon Magazine* and the *Sigma Chi Quarterly* have suspended on account of lack of funds. We have not seen late copies of either. The magazines of the sororities have not all reached us, but we believe that they are all still in existence. The *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma shows as marked improvement as any exchange. *Beta Theta Pi* has been very interesting lately, and shows much care in editing. Altogether, the Greek press seems to be in very good condition.

Some interesting reading matter appeared in one of the New York dailies a while ago in regard to the discovery of fraternity jewelry in pawnshops, which, according to the *Scroll*, did not stand investigation. It, however, doubtless served the purpose of a troubled space writer. In this connection, quite an interesting incident, which has the additional merit of being authentic, has come to our knowledge.

A little over three years ago, a prominent member of a Virginia chapter, which has a splendid record for pluck and perseverance in the face of overwhelming obstacles, died in this city, and record of



his death was duly made in the PALM. He had been a very wealthy and influential citizen of the World's Fair City, and always maintained a deep interest in his fraternity.

Not very long since, an Ohio brother wrote, asking for the address of this brother and giving the following interesting story: "One of our boys, who left school two years ago, has since that time been a superintendent of electric light works in Virginia. Now, some years ago, so he has told me, the mayor of his town purchased an Alpha Tau pin, not knowing what it was, in an old pawnshop. Some time later, he sent the pin to his niece, who lives in a distant city, and she, no doubt, still has the pin. The mayor has written his niece, at P.'s request, and will get the pin back, if possible. On the back of the pin is engraved, 'M—— C——.' Did you ever hear the name before? I will not stop until I have obtained the pin and found out our lost brother."

Circumstances, which were not known to the writer of the above, give it a melancholy interest. We immediately took the letter to Bro. R. A. Waller, who was an intimate friend of the deceased, and assured us that there could be no question that the badge was lost or stolen, and that the widow of his friend, who is now traveling in Europe, would be very glad indeed to recover the emblem, which we trust will soon come into her hands.

Quite an interesting little story, isn't it?

Owing to the haste with which it was necessary to prepare the February PALM, and the large amount of matter which it contained, a paragraph was quoted in this department, which expressed surprise at Bro. James B. Green's continued bachelorhood. It should have been stated that Brother Green, evidently taking the advice contained in the article in question to heart, shortly after the appearance thereof, which was in 1883, deserted the state of single blessedness, and joined the army of Benedicts, as all other members of the High Council, with the exception of Brother Shives, have done. The PALM desires to correct the above mistake and apologizes most humbly to Mr. and Mrs. Green for the oversight. Long life and continued happiness to them both.



## EDITORIALS.

THE NEXT PALM WILL NOT APPEAR UNTIL A LARGE MAJORITY OF THE CHAPTERS WILL HAVE DISBANDED, AND WE THEREFORE REQUEST CHAPTER CORRESPONDENTS TO SEND US THE INDIVIDUAL NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE SUBSCRIBERS IN THEIR CHAPTER. THIS WILL SAVE MUCH TROUBLE, AS THE COPIES WILL BE SENT DIRECT TO THE HOMES OF THE BROTHERS. THE EDITOR WILL ENDEAVOR TO PUBLISH THE NEXT NUMBER DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, AND ALL MATTER SHOULD BE IN BY THE MIDDLE OF THAT MONTH, OR IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, OWING TO THE LATENESS OF COMMENCEMENT, THE EDITOR SHOULD BE PROMPTLY ADVISED, IN ORDER TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE LATE INSERTION OF THE MATTER IN QUESTION.

Only three chapter letters had reached the editor by the date mentioned in the last PALM, and it was out of the question to proceed to publication at that time. Consequently, another postponement was necessary. Correspondents should realize the importance of complying with the published notice in the PALM, in regard to the date on which material should be in the editor's hands. The one thing which he cannot furnish for the magazine is the chapter letter.

We have been pleased to receive from a number of active brothers the names of subscribers among the alumni. This is a field which we particularly desire to cultivate, and we are very glad indeed to have such assistance.

Worthy Grand Chief Glazebrook has evidently taken hold of his work with a determination to make an excellent record. The PALM has enjoyed his very helpful coöperation, and the chapters must be conscious of close contact with our chief executive. The communications which he has sent them could not fail to awaken enthusiasm and give new vigor to chapters whose spark of vitality had burned dim. It is his purpose to keep every chapter alive and cause it to

gain strength and power. In this he should have the cordial support of every one. We cannot have too much enthusiasm.

Michigan Beta Lambda is no more. This announcement may come somewhat late, but there has been a slight hope that something could be done this year at Ann Arbor to give new life to a chapter which was once the strongest on our rolls, and numbers among its alumni such strong men as Ewing, Booth, Hosack, and many others who have been prominent in fraternity work and in various professions. It is to be lamented that a surrender of the charter was advisable, but it is better so than that it should exist only in name. A peculiar feature of the case is that there are many Alpha Taus in attendance at the University of Michigan, but no one seems to care to shoulder the responsibility of reorganizing the chapter. We are informed that the decay of the chapter is due very largely to difficulties in regard to affiliation. We trust that in the near future the strong Michigan Alumni association may see its way clear to revive this chapter, where there is such an excellent opportunity for good fraternity work.

Congress seems to have been misinformed in regard to the condition of Tenn. Beta Tau, or, rather, not informed. Instead of being defunct, it develops that there are nine active (?) members at Jackson. Closer contact with the general fraternity is necessary.

There will be much regret among alumni at the announcement that South Carolina Beta Chi is no more. The charter has been surrendered, on account of lack of proper material. Certainly a good and sufficient reason, if the conclusion is justifiable. Alpha Tau Omega demands only the best material.

We should like very much to have some definite information in regard to the condition of N. J. Alpha Kappa, which seems somehow shrouded in impenetrable mystery. There is considerable doubt as to the existence of the chapter, but its death has never been chronicled. Cannot the fraternity produce a Sherlock Holmes to throw light upon the question?

Two new and sturdy chapters have been added to our roll, and they mark a splendid advance on the great, unoccupied Western territory. Texas Gamma Epsilon and Illinois Gamma Zeta speak well for themselves in this number, and we wish them all prosperity.

By the way, we are working pretty well down the alphabet. What a lot of chapters we have had!

We desire to say some words of caution to chapters in regard to the initiation of members, which are prompted by the delinquency of some in supporting the PALM. The matter is one of considerable importance in many ways, aside from its revenue feature.

The fact that ours is a secret fraternity does not require that an initiate should be kept entirely in the dark, before the badge is pinned upon his breast. On the other hand, it is very important that certain matters should be made clear to him, in order that he may not be misled. In this way, we believe the number of expulsions will be materially decreased. All sorts of deception should be conscientiously avoided.

Every proposed initiate should be frankly informed that membership in the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity entails the performance of certain duties, as well as the enjoyment of certain privileges. It is of the utmost importance to the fraternity that these duties should be performed. In fact, its existence depends on such performance. These burdens are very light indeed.

We shall consider the duty of financial support. Every organization such as ours must be provided with a certain amount of funds to meet current expenses, and, necessarily, they must be derived from the fees paid by members. The first tax meets the initiate on the very threshold of his fraternity career, in the shape of the initiation fee. This must be paid promptly, and constitutes the great source of fraternity revenue, and the only one of any importance. Eventually, a portion of this fund goes to pay for the expense of the fraternity's one great enterprise, the PALM; but the total fund cannot be used in this manner, as other necessary items of expense must be provided for.

In addition to the initiation fee, the only regular tax upon active members is the subscription price of the PALM, which is only a shilling a month. The fraternity requires that every active member shall subscribe for the PALM, because this is absolutely necessary for the support of the magazine. It is a very light annual tax, and we believe it should be paid by all. While we have all sympathy for those who are compelled by force of circumstances to struggle for an education, we believe that this requirement, which was made absolute by the last Congress, should be strictly enforced. Our experience has been that college men, like other human beings, care nothing, or almost nothing, for what costs them nothing.

We think there is something wrong when any chapter, or individual active member, pleads poverty for non-payment of PALM dues. It seems to indicate that the brothers making such a plea have been misled, or have recklessly assumed burdens which they cannot hope to carry. We strongly advise a juster and franker treatment of new men, and against such extravagant expenditure for local purposes, that the light demands of the general fraternity cannot be met.

*Tell every proposed initiate frankly that he MUST pay an initiation fee and that he MUST subscribe for the PALM.* If he cannot do this, drop his name promptly from the list of proposed members. To proceed otherwise, would only be to cause unfortunate misunderstanding. For it is so much of an accepted truth as to require no quotation marks, that EVERY LOYAL ALPHA TAU SUBSCRIBES FOR THE PALM.

## CHAPTER LETTERS.

Be sure to send to the Worthy Grand Chief the required annual chapter report by June 15, 1895.

Answer all communications from Grand Officers at once.

You must have a letter in each number of the PALM. Note the \$5.00 fine provided at Congress. It should contain all the news, but must be condensed as much as possible, on account of the large number of chapters.

Owing to the large number of chapters, chapter letters must not exceed 500 words. Bear this in mind. Never write on both sides of the sheet for publication. Such matter must be rewritten before the printer will set it up.

Punctuate carefully, and write plainly. Be very particular about making the spelling of names legible.

Send in all the personals and clippings you can, separate from your chapter letter.

Follow the form of heading of letters as they appear in the PALM, giving merely the name of chapter, college and town. Dates and all other superfluous matter should be omitted. An observance of this rule will save the editor much time.

Tell us what your graduates are going to do for a life work, and where they will locate, in your next letter. We do not want to lose track of them.

See that your chapter's PALM dues are paid promptly in advance, for each active member. Subscriptions for volume XV. are now due.

The next number will appear in the month of June, if possible, and chapter correspondents should send their letters so as to reach the editor by June 15th, or advise him before that date, of any necessary delay. Full commencement reports are desired.

Be a little careful about the use of superlatives and general boastfulness. Be enthusiastic, but not bombastic. Your fraternity is the best there is, and she does not need constant strained panegyrics. The men who write them very often fail to pay subscriptions after they leave college.

Be honest; be fair; be manly—in short, be an Alpha Tau in the full sense of the noble meaning of the name.

ALA. ALPHA EPSILON, ALA. POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, AUBURN.

We regret very much our being unable to send a representative to



our last Congress, but our expenses were so heavy that it was impossible. We have purchased one of the finest lots in town and hope soon to erect a chapter house.

On last term examination, I noticed that, in all classes, Alpha Taus stood among the first; in the Sophomore class one of our brothers stood first in all, save one, of the studies.

The Congress PALM received a hearty welcome. We are very much pleased with the proceedings of Congress.

We regret that since our last report, Brothers Howard and Taylor have left us.

A. H. MILSTEAD, Correspondent.

ALABAMA BETA BÉTA, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, GREENSBORO.

Since the arrival of the last number of the PALM, our fraternal enthusiasm has been continually growing. We were delighted with the reports coming from our sister chapters, but were most highly entertained by the production of our Congress Orator, and desire to congratulate him through this valuable organ.

Beta Beta is in a better condition at present than she has been during the session. Our boys seem to realize that the time is fast approaching, when they must reflect honor upon her fair name.

On April 2nd, we were made glad by the arrival of Bro. H. F. Tatum, who has been taking a course in Mobile Medical College, and has returned to take a course in practical chemistry, for the remainder of the session. All who are acquainted with this loyal and enthusiastic Alpha Tau, know how much we have gained by his return.

We have also been delighted with the presence of Bro. Ed. Morriss, who will be in our midst for a month. His presence is an inspiration to us in our cause.

Up to the present time Beta Beta has received more honors than her share. She will be represented at commencement by Brothers Lagrone, Peterson, Roberts, Marshall, Watkins, Hawkins, Brock, and Stoves.

With best wishes to all the brothers, and success to the PALM.

GEO. STOVES, Correspondent.

ALABAMA BETA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, TUSCALOOSA.

Brothers, we greet you again, and most cordially.

There is very little to write, for the term just past was a very dull one, containing nothing of interest but the intermediate examinations.

Since our last letter, we have enrolled two men, by whose initiation Alpha Tau Omega has gained two loyal supporters. They are

Beverly Pierce Head, of Birmingham, Alabama, and Shaler Charles Houser, of Anniston, Alabama. We proudly introduce them to the fraternity.

We are grieved to announce our loss, by resignation, of two of our most worthy brothers. Bro. D. H. Carr has gone into business with his father at Montgomery, Ala., and Bro. George. A. Daniel has opened up a grocery business in Tuskaloosa. While we wish the boys the greatest possible success and happiness, we hated to have them leave us; the goat has lost  $11\frac{3}{4}$  pounds in grieving for them.

A number of our boys had the pleasure of listening to two grand sermons by our W. G. Chaplain at this city in January. Tuskaloosa is the native home of Bishop Vincent, and he came down for a short visit to the scenes of his childhood. We did not know he was in the city, but as soon as he arose in the pulpit we recognized him from his picture, which appeared in a back number of the PALM. Quite a number of the boys met him, and to see his kind face light up upon the recognition of the grip and badge, did our hearts good. We regretted very much that the shortness of his stay prevented his accepting our invitation to meet with the chapter, but we trust he will come again soon, and stay longer.

During the last term the A. T. O. German Club has given two Germans, which, to put it most mildly, were highly enjoyable affairs.

Our school enjoyed a novelty last week in the visit of Mr. George Gauntlett, representing Wright, Kay & Co., fraternity jewelers. His badges were marvels of beauty, and he sold quite a number to the different fraternities. Several of our boys purchased.

Our campus is daily the scene of much activity, for having gotten our diamond in almost perfect condition, we are hard at work, and expect to put out another invincible team, and secure the reputation we won last year. A. T. O. will be represented on the nine.

The last number of the PALM, though rather late in coming, abundantly rewarded our waiting. The fraternity should be congratulated on the re-election of Brother Ehle. We read it eagerly, and found each page teeming with interest, and when we had finished, we were forced to exclaim: "It is indeed a glorious thing to be an A. T. O."

Brothers J. Trimble and Godfrey represented us at the Sophomore Exhibition, and the latter also represented us at the annual exhibition given by the special gymnasium team.

Best wishes to the PALM, and to Alpha Tau everywhere.

BLAKE W. GODFREY, Correspondent.

CALIFORNIA BETA PSI, LELAND STANFORD, JR., UNIVERSITY, PALO-ALTO.

California Beta Psi is all right. She is a long way off from her sister chapters, it is true, but she is fully alive to her opportunities, and is making the most of them.

We are not a very large crowd, only ten, all told—but we prefer to go slow in taking in new men; it is better to be exclusive than be deemed a “graveyard.”

The chapter is in better condition than ever before, and next year will see us with only two rivals for honors—Zeta Psi and Phi Gamma Delta—both of which have long since been established in lodges, as we will be next September.

Starting as we did at the first of the year, with only six men, as against the larger chapters of fifteen and twenty in the older chapters, California Beta Psi has had uphill work, but has only taken in men who were of the right stuff, until now we have a remarkably strong crowd; and next year, when we move into our house, Escondita Cottage, we are going to make Stanford an Alpha Tau Omega college from top to bottom—from faculty to freshman—“co-eds” and all.

So send on your investigating committee—we’ll be glad to see them, and we promise them the best that California affords—for the chapter was never in better shape to be investigated.

Fraternally,

WILLIAM S. GRAHAM, Correspondent.

GA. ALPHA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, ATHENS.

As this is Alpha Beta’s first letter this year to the PALM, she sends the complete story of a year’s progress and prosperity. Though the opening of the session brought back only six of last year’s members, yet these by their efforts introduced to the fraternity Brothers Teosly and Stephenson, ’96, and Brother Brown, ’97.

Also we had the great pleasure of welcoming an affiliate from Mercer, Bro. W. B. Jones, ’96; but at the close of the fall term our number was diminished by the withdrawal from college of Brother Mobley, ’97, and Brother Powell, ’96, two of our most active and earnest men. And so we returned from our Christmas holidays, only eight men; we were increased by another affiliate from Mercer, Bro. Otis Jones, ’98. Since then, we have initiated four men into the A. T. O. brotherhood, Brother Lawrence, ’97, Brother Broke, ’96, Bro. H. P. Jones, ’98, and Brother Slaughter, ’97; but have lost Brother Phillips, who was our delegate to Congress, and who withdrew from college on account of the extreme weakness of his eyes. In Brother Phillips our chapter has had, perhaps, our most earnest worker.

This leaves us with twelve men, and our prospects for the next year are flattering. We lose only two brothers by graduation, Brother Bennett, who takes an A.B., and Brother O’Neal, who takes a B.L. The three brothers who have dropped out during the course

of the year all expect to return, so we anticipate returning next fall about twelve strong.

February 1, we moved into new quarters, better situated and more commodious. We are furnishing our rooms in an elaborate manner.

We have carried off this year our share of college honors. Brother Bennett, who is universally considered the finest orator in college, was chosen by the Demosthenian Society as their anniversarian. His subject, "Secession no Stigma," gave him room for a splendid display of his eloquence; and he held in rapt attention a crowded chapel.

Brother Stephenson, '96, has been selected as one of the two Junior speakers from the Demosthenian Society, who are chosen on declamation.

Brother Chandler represents the fraternity on the *Pandora*, the college annual; and Bro. W. B. Jones is one of the editors of the university's weekly, *The Red and Black*.

To all the other chapters and to all the brothers everywhere we send greeting. The interests of A. T. O. will be well protected at the University of Georgia.

W. W. CHANDLER, Correspondent.

#### GA. ALPHA THETA, EMORY COLLEGE, OXFORD.

The college year has passed its flood, and as the balmy April air is bathing the swelling buds with warmth and sunshine, Alpha Theta quaffs the fragrance of blooming prosperity and leaps with gladness at the indications of an abundant fruitage. Nor is the abstract statement of continued success justified merely by what has already materialized, but among artistic rosaries in fertile soil she has its concrete representation. It is "symbolized by the Alpha Tau Omega badge" blossoming with delicate flowers on the Emory campus, an ornament to the grounds, and a proof of fraternity enterprise. It means earnest effort to keep pace with the progress manifested throughout the widening borders of the Alpha Tau Omega world, especially that so unmistakably evinced in every issue of our official organ, the PALM, which displays clearly the energy and talent of him who occupies its editorial chair.

As intimated in a former letter, our number has been increased by the initiation of two excellent men, Bros. E. M. Banks, Grantville, Ga., and J. A. Phifer, Rochelle, Fla., who have already proven the wisdom of our selection. In the late contest before the faculty for Commencement orators, the following brothers secured places: Sub-Freshman class, J. A. Phifer, C. W. Brantley, C. L. Sistrunk; Freshman, E. Dempsey; Sophomore, E. M. Banks, H. S. Phillips, and W. E. Quillian; while upon excellence of scholarship Bros. W. J. Bryan and R. F. Cary received the award of Junior Speakers.



From the Senior class we will have three whose names have not yet been announced. Upon the signal success of these brothers, individually, Alpha Theta scores another distinction of having received, the present year, the largest number of awards made to any of Emory's seven fraternities.

It is gratifying to note that through the instrumentality of President Candler, Emory has a physical director, for this term, in the person of Bro. S. V. Gardner, who comes to us from Vanderbilt University, highly recommended. Since his arrival he has proved his efficiency, and is receiving a hearty coöperation at the hands of the student-body.

In base-ball, Bro. C. W. Brantley plays short stop on the Sub-team; Bro. R. H. Hankinson is college pitcher, also Sophomore pitcher; in Junior, Bros. Bryan, 1stB., Cary, 2dB., Thompson, A. H., pitcher and short stop; in Senior, Bros. Burkhalter, short stop, Thompson, W. E., 3dB., and Smith, C. C., pitcher and center field.

From present indications, the *Zodiac* for '95, which will appear May 1st containing 212 pages, will be a glorious success. Much enthusiasm has developed among the students, manifesting a healthful pride in this publication.

On the occasion of the fifty-eighth March anniversary of Phi Gamma Delta literary society, Bro. M. C. Quillian delivered the Introductory Address. Bro. J. Fred Allen has been elected to deliver the Senior Valedictory before the Few literary society in May.

Bro. M. M. Parks, 1st Honor '92, and since then Professor of Latin and Natural Science in Cuthbert Female College, greeted us a few days since, en route to the "Windy City," where he goes to take a special course in English, looking to the Ph. D. degree in the University of Chicago.

M. C. QUILLIAN, Correspondent.

#### GEORGIA BETA IOTA, SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY, ATLANTA.

It is with much pleasure that Beta Iota again sends her best wishes to all of her sister chapters through the PALM.

Beta Iota cannot express her sorrow at having lost one of her most loyal men, Bro. Wm. Mealor. Brother Mealor is a true and loyal A. T. O., and we wish him success in the battle of life.

Beta Iota also keenly regrets the loss of Bro. E. K. Van Winkle.

Since our last letter we have initiated Messrs. Wallace and Brewster, of whom we are justly proud.

The base-ball season has just commenced and we are represented by the following men: H. K. Chapman, pitcher and manager; A. B. Whitney, first base; Carl Meyer, second base; Hal. Rossman, third base; C. W. McCall, short-stop; J. W. Wallace and J. W. Hunter, substitutes, or rather we might say the team is composed of A. T. O.'s.



During the months of October and November the International and Cotton States Exposition will be held here and we hope many brothers will visit the city during this time, and Beta Iota will be glad to extend any courtesies in her power to the visiting brothers.

WALT. DEVEREUX NASH, Correspondent.

ILLINOIS GAMMA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN.

This chapter was organized under the direction of Brothers Atwood, Lyon and Thornton, of the Chicago Alumni, March 16th, 1895.

Following the initiation ceremonies, at the chapter rooms, a banquet was served at the Carter House, concluding with wine and words appropriate to the occasion, which was enjoyed by all.

The chapter as initiated is composed of the following brothers:

Prof. T. A. Clark; Prof. N. A. Weston; Charles W. Noble, '95; Parker H. Hoag, '95; Paul W. Newcomer, '97; M. Branch, '97; Henry W. Grieme, '97; W. T. Summer, '98; C. O. Pitney, '97; J. C. Beekman, '98; Mark Hay, '98; H. R. Boyles, '98; E. Flanagan, '97.

Though this is an infant chapter, it is alarmingly strong and healthy and does not propose to let a lack of years delay its progress.

Fraternity life here is represented by chapters in the following: Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Theta; besides two local organizations. By these we have been assured a hearty welcome into University of Illinois fraternity life.

Since organization, examinations and engineering excursions have heavily taxed our time, but for the future we expect more leisure for chapter work. Regular meetings are being held, at which the brothers are becoming familiar with the duties of their respective offices and are showing a true spirit in their work.

Soon we shall add three names to our chapter roll and they are such as we can justly be proud of.

Class, field and track athletics, editorial and military honors are held by brothers in this chapter, and their class records are above par—facts we are justly proud of.

New chapter rooms, or perhaps a chapter house, will soon be arranged for and next term will find Gamma Zeta chapter in quarters second to none in town.

The present officers of our chapter are as follows: Bro. Charles W. Noble, W. M.; Bro. Mark Hay, W. C.; Bro. Henry W. Grieme, W. K. E.; Bro. Paul W. Newcomer, W. K. A.; Bro. M. Branch, W. Sc.; Bro. W. T. Sumner, W. U.; Bro. J. C. Beekman, W. Sen.

Gamma Zeta members wish here to express their appreciation of the advice given and assistance rendered them, in organizing, by

brothers in the Chicago Alumni; and especially are they grateful to Brothers Ehle, Atwood, Lyons and Thornton.

The numerous letters which have been received from our sister chapters have been a source of much pleasure to us and, indeed, it is gratifying to be so friendly and heartily welcomed into A. T. O. bonds, from all parts of the country.

Two brothers will leave us ere our next letter reaches press, and with a good education and firm A. T. O. principles will be waging a winning fight in the battle of life.

CHARLES W. NOBLE, Acting Correspondent.

INDIANA GAMMA GAMMA, ROSE POLYTECHNIC INST., TERRE HAUTE.

Indiana Gamma Gamma is looking forward to a very successful year. With the energy and enthusiasm of a young chapter we have struggled valiantly against the many petty obstacles, prejudices of faculty, etc., that surrounded us in the first few breaths of our being, and we are now securely established.

Since our last report, which through a misunderstanding was not sent in for the PALM, we have added one more name to the roll, and welcomed one more brother into the realm, Brother Jno. T. Montgomery, of Evansville, Ind., and have found him a genial and enthusiastic supporter of the cause.

At the beginning of this term we were fortunate in securing two very desirable rooms for our chapter hall, well located in the neighborhood, and decidedly moral atmosphere, of the local Y. M. C. A.

On the 26th of April was given our first dance, which was very successful.

The annual field day (Indiana Intercollegiate), in which for four successive years we have been the winners, is rapidly approaching, and several brothers are in training with the certainty of representing the school, and hopes of winning their events. It will be held at Terre Haute this year on the 24th of May, and we would be delighted to entertain any of our brothers who would visit us on that occasion, promising a warm reception and a general good time.

H. T. LIGGETT, Correspondent.

LA. BETA EPSILON, TULANE UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS.

Owing to the annoyance and anxiety of the ever present examinations, as it were, our worthy predecessor was unable to forward the chapter letter of Beta Epsilon to the last PALM. However, at the incitation of our worthy and newly elected W. M., Bro. Hon. Allen Cartwright Eustis, your humble servant has been compelled, both by pleasure and a sense of duty, to give a full record of the happen-

ings and adventures of Beta Epsilon as a chapter and of the brothers separately, since the last communication.

Our active membership has been decreased by two, Bros. Henry and Willie Leverich having been compelled to leave college on account of the sad and lamentable death of their father. Bro. Henry Leverich was a member of the class of '97 and Bro. Willie Leverich of '98. The chapter loses two valuable men by the withdrawal of these two brothers.

Beta Epsilon entertained all the Alpha Tau girls of this section at a grand reception given at the home of Brother Eustis. Representatives of all the Greek fraternities, having members in the city, were invited. This was the second reception given by the chapter and was a great success.

On March 11th, Beta Epsilon celebrated her eighth anniversary with a private musicale and supper at the hall. At the appointed hour of meeting, contrary to the general rule, the entire corps of active brothers and quite a number of alumni "fraters" were seated and attentive to the orders of the W. M. After dispensing with regular business, the meeting rose in a body and disappeared with wonderful celerity into the supper room. Brother Rightor had been appointed master of ceremonies, but of the latter there was none. After quiet was restored Bro. Gervais Lombard, a brother who is in a short time to launch out into the sea of matrimony, was called upon to lecture upon this very important step of life. His oration, for such it was, was delivered as though he was inspired by the subject. His eloquence and manner of delivery were applauded to the echo by every brother present. His persuasive manner promises to stand him in good stead in his approaching happiness, for it is safe to say that by this gift Brother Lombard will be saved from the torments and trials of married life. Bro. Frank Chalaron, "Our Doc," then lectured on the science of medicine and concluded by offering his services free to the chapter. He is no specialist, but an all-around doctor.

Having listened to these two learned discourses, Bros. E. Elliott, A. Eustis, J. DeBuys and R. E. DeBuys regaled the meeting with banjo and mandolin music and "Doc" sang a comic song. Bro. Allen Eustis' impersonation of "Mary's Little Lamb," and his rendition of "I tell you, yes" were very good.

Songs were numerous and it was only at the wee hour one that the musicale was concluded.

Bros. Ira Wight and Chauncey Stone will soon embark on the same boat with Bro. Gervais Lombard. Their engagements have been announced.

Bro. Ned Rightor won the Glendy Burke Literary Society medal for debate at its last anniversary celebration. He will be a contest-

ant for the "Carnot Medal" which is donated by M. le Baron de Coubertin, he having offered Tulane one of the three given to American colleges for debate on French politics.

Bro. Sidney Eshleman is a likely candidate for the position of third base on the 'Varsity base-ball team, of which Bro. R. E. De Buys is captain.

Bro. John D. Minor has been chosen captain of the track team.

Alpha Tau was well represented in the concert of the Glee Banjo and Mandolin Club, which made its debut at the famous French Opera House last January before a very fashionable and critical audience.

Beta Epsilon closes with best wishes to all sister chapters and sincere fraternal love.

R. E. DeBuys, Correspondent.

MASS. GAMMA BETA, TUFTS COLLEGE, MEDFORD.

Gamma Beta can honestly say in this, her third letter to the PALM, that she is stronger to-day than at any period in her history.

Since our last letter, we have pledged four men, whom we shall initiate before this issue of the PALM. We have also been fortunate in that Brothers Johnston and Fross have returned to college, swelling our total number to seventeen.

In our financial support to the general fraternity we are in arrears for a considerable amount, and for this reason we have rented a single room which is comfortably but not elegantly furnished, and, by curtailing expenses in other ways, we are now upon a fair financial basis and hope soon to make up all deficiency to the general fraternity.

In the class of '95, Bro. C. H. Page is our only representative, and he has the honor of being treasurer of the class. In the other classes also A. T. O. is well represented. Brother Maguire, '96, is an editor on the college annual, and, in the class of '97, Brother Mitchell is manager of his class team, while Brother Richardson is captain. Brother Mitchell is also an associate editor on the '97 annual.

On the base-ball team we have five members, which gives us almost entire control of that branch of athletics.

We are represented on the glee club, and, in fact, on almost every organization in college. The future of Gamma Beta looks very bright; for this year we lose one member, which will leave us sixteen members as a nucleus to build upon in the fall of '95.

E. F. CORRIDAN, Correspondent.

ME. GAMMA ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY, WATERVERILLE.

The spring term has but just opened; consequently our letter will contain but little of interest to the A. T. O. world. Most of the



brothers have returned with their usual zeal, looking forward to a successful term in fraternity life.

As usual at this time of year, attention turns towards athletics; and one of the most promising candidates for the base-ball team is Brother Burton, whose curves must prove puzzling to opposing teams.

Our expectations formed of our '98 delegation at the beginning of the year have been happily surpassed by them, both in general scholarship and in popularity among the student body.

Bro. N. G. Foster, '93, who was with us the greater part of last year, has taken up new duties elsewhere and he will be greatly missed.

No honor has been at the disposal of the college since last issue of the PALM.

Our chapter received with much interest the report from Brother Glazebrook concerning the general standing of the fraternity; and we feel the greatest confidence in our Worthy Grand Chief that he will continue the good work left by Brother Shives in so prosperous a condition.

In a word, we have nothing to discourage us, and look forward to our Alumni meeting in June with much pleasure.

Gamma Alpha sends best wishes to sister chapters, with the promise of a more interesting letter next issue.

J. M. PIKE, Correspondent.

MICH. ALPHA MU, ADRIAN COLLEGE, ADRIAN.

Alpha Mu chapter has been continually progressing since our last letter to the PALM. It has not been so much by the acquisition of men, because we fail to find men with whom we care to affiliate, but rather, like the fraternity at large, we prefer to strengthen what we have, so that when we want a new man, our merits will be so visible that the only work necessary will be to extend the invitation.

Brothers Rice and Kimble, who were mentioned as being pledged, have since been initiated. We have also taken T. C. Stephens, '98, Sharpsburg, Pa., and recently, Lloyd W. Hanford, '97, Tecumseh, Mich.

Bro. A. T. Steele was compelled to return home soon after the holidays, but has returned again this term. Bro. W. M. Hamilton also left us at the beginning of the year, and is now traveling in California, while Bro. L. M. Scott has gone to Indiana University.

At the beginning of this (spring) term, Brother Claflin went to his home at Tecumseh, while Bro. Geo. Hamilton has returned to the college.

We now number fourteen men, ten active and four pledged men.

The base-ball team will be composed largely of aliens this year. We will be represented on it by A. T. Steele and A. Steele.



The boys are very enthusiastic for A. T. O. We intend to be well represented at our State Convention at Hillsdale in May. We are also planning for a reunion and banquet here in June.

In connection with our annual report in June we will publish a partial directory, the names, occupations and addresses of our alumni.

Metcalf Hall, a new building costing \$15,000, containing the conservatory of music and dining room, was opened March 29, with proper ceremonies, including a banquet. Alpha Mu received more than her share of the honors, Bro. J. D. H. Cornelius acting as toastmaster, while Brothers Richards and Morgan responded to toasts.

We were well pleased with the report of our delegate to Congress, but are sorry to lose our sister chapter at the University of Michigan.

With greetings to our new chapters and best wishes for all.

L. H. RICHARDS, Correspondent.

N. Y. ALPHA OMICRON, ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY, CANTON.

Since our last letter we have added Bro. James Harrigan, '96, to our number, and we would present him to our noble brotherhood as one worthy to wear the Gold and Blue.

Bro. E. R. Barrows, '94, entertained the chapter and lady friends at his home, the evening of March 16th. All had a most enjoyable evening.

Recently an election was held in The Athletica, and we now have Brother Murray, '96, Business Manager, and Brother Harrigan, '96, Secretary of the association. We shall strive to take our share of the prizes in the sports given on "Field Day."

Brother Giffin, '95, is still director of the Banjo and Mandolin Club, and of the nine members we have five.

We are glad to say that Brother Sayer, '98, who was obliged to drop college work on account of illness, is fast recovering and, doubtless, will be with us again next year.

We regret to mention the death of one of our charter members, Bro. Lieut. Peck, an account of which will be seen in another column of the PALM. His remains were interred at Watertown, N. Y., and a delegation representing the chapter attended the funeral.

Our Annual Reception and Ball was given April 26th, and zealous preparations were made for it.

Alpha Omicron is in a flourishing condition, having in all eighteen members, and we only hope she may continue in her prosperity. Her fireside burns brightly, with cordial welcome to every Alpha Tau who may stray this way.

ERNEST ROBINSON, Correspondent.

## NORTH CAROLINA ALPHA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

When the Congress report of Alpha Delta was made, fraternity prospects at the University of North Carolina were by no means flattering; but now we feel confident that the Greeks are here to stay.

In fact the anti-fraternity agitation, which for a while created intense excitement among us, has resulted in establishing fraternities upon a firmer basis, and their conduct throughout the whole affair has been such as to win for them the respect and support of many who had been either neutral or opposed to them.

True, the Trustees of the University have forbidden initiation of students before the mid-term of the sophomore year, but this is probably a temporary limitation which will soon be removed. However, a permanent arrangement of this kind, with a shorter period of probation, would be very acceptable to Alpha Taus.

The rule does not apply to the present freshman class, and from this Alpha Delta has initiated two worthy wearers of the cross. This gives us eleven members, and, although we graduate three men this year, we feel confident of a prosperous future for the chapter with such men in its sacred circle as our new brothers, George M. Ruffin, of Wilson, and Frank Page, of Raleigh—the former a brother of Dr. Sterling Ruffin, of Washington, D. C., and the latter a brother of Walter H. Page, of the *Forum*.

Bro. Hiram Worth, '95, has just accepted a fine position with the Atlantic National Bank, of Washington, though he was thus forced to give up a diploma which would soon have been his. We regret the loss of so true a brother, but wish him every success in his new life.

THOS. R. LITTLE, Correspondent.

## OHIO ALPHA NU, MT. UNION COLLEGE, ALLIANCE.

Since the last issue of the PALM, Ohio Alpha Nu has been steadily advancing and has taken a new departure from the ordinary path of fraternities in Mt. Union. The fine frame building at the corner of College Street and Union Avenue, which was formerly occupied by the Conservatory of Music, has been leased for a chapter house. Heaters and electric lights have been placed in the house, which is being finely furnished with new furniture, making it one of the most attractive homes in the city. This is the first chapter house in Mt. Union, and the movements and developments will be closely watched by the other fraternities. We expect to occupy the house within two weeks.

We have at present an A. T. O. Symphony Club, composed of twelve members. This club was but recently organized, and is making splendid progress, having filled several engagements already, and is billed for several more between now and Commencement, all over the eastern part of the state.

Since our last report, Bros. Geo. Flemming, J. W. G. Fast, Cloyd Flemming and Lorin Scranton, have been initiated. All of these brothers were elected by the other fraternities.

We lose three brothers this year by graduation: Bro. H. A. March, Bro. C. C. Eldredge and Bro. H. F. Ake. Brother March was elected editor-in-chief of the college annual, the *Unonian*, and Brother Ake is on the staff.

Bro. G. L. King, '90, who has been attending the Cleveland Medical College and who completed the course with this year's class, has located in this city and will join the local alumni in supporting the chapter.

Bro. E. F. Eldredge, '92, of the Sandusky, O., schools, spent his spring vacation in Alliance and while here attended a meeting of the chapter. His visits are always much enjoyed by the active members of the chapter.

Fraternally,

T. L. CASKEY, Correspondent.

#### OHIO ALPHA PSI, WITTENBERG COLLEGE, SPRINGFIELD.

Since our last letter to the PALM, Alpha Psi has introduced two new brothers to the Greek world, Bros. Wallace Miller, of '97, and Frank Baughman, '98. These two new brothers have strengthened us very much in the lower classes and we will now have nine men at the beginning of next year.

After our state convention, the account of which we suppose will be in this number of the PALM, our committee began the work of revising our annals to date for the state catalogue, and we found some of our alumni brothers in very flattering positions. We have learned for ourselves and think we can recommend to other chapters to try if possible to keep informed in regard to the alumni and, when convenient, to keep in communication with them. On the evening of March 15th, we gave a reception in our chapter halls to our lady friends and a very enjoyable time was passed in various amusements.

Bro. E. J. Shives spent a few hours with the boys one afternoon about the first of February. It was so cold that he almost froze getting to the college, but if we all had as warm a spirit for A. T. O. as he has, we might brave many storms for her, too.

Bro. Will Bass, of Beta Eta, made us a short visit recently and we were all very glad to see him and only wish that more of the brothers could visit the different chapters.

At the recent annual election of officers of the college athletic association, Brother Hammon was elected president. The base-ball team has commenced practice and among the many candidates for first base, Brother Black is almost sure of the position.

Of nine persons elected by the graduating class to represent them

on class day, two are from A. T. O.: Brothers Leamer and Miller.

With best wishes to the PALM and sister chapters, we remain,  
GEO. B. SCHMITT, Correspondent.

OHIO BETA ETA, WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, DELAWARE.

We were all delighted with the Congress number and think it a great success. This term has opened very favorably with us. Since our last letters we have initiated E. W. Griffiths, '95; J. F. Chenoweth, '95; C. H. Payson, '98, and S. Q. Bass, '96, and have pledged one other.

Bro. W. R. Bass has been elected Editor-in-Chief of the *Transcript* for next year and will pitch on the 'Varsity nine this year. Bro. A. A. Henderson is one of the commencement speakers for this year. We are well represented upon the 'Varsity nine, and in fact, in all the athletics of the college. We expect to have a base-ball club in the fraternity that will cope with any in school. We have just added a nice new piano to our hall and would be glad to have any of our brothers from sister chapters come and enjoy it with us. Beta Eta sends her best wishes to all her sister chapters.

ELLIS O. DeCAMP, Correspondent.

OHIO BETA MU, WOOSTER UNIVERSITY, WOOSTER.

The past term has been an unusually uneventful one, not only to the fraternity itself, but also to the students themselves, and, consequently, your correspondent finds it difficult to gather enough news for a letter.

The university is making elaborate preparations for the celebration of its quarter-centennial. A large number of Alumni and other visitors are expected and, of course, Ohio Beta Mu shares in the anticipation of meeting old friends and founders.

Last year there was a split among the Greeks of the college, caused by an attempt of two fraternities to deprive another of the privilege of selecting the toast-master for the annual Pan-Hellenic Banquet from among their number, this being their right. Consequently, there was no banquet last year and, although a committee from each fraternity was elected this year, nothing definite has been done and we presume the annual Pan-Hellenic banquet will be given up this year also.

The college annual, *The Index*, will be out about the first of June, and promises to be one of the finest ever issued. Bro. Dwight Wylie is our committee.

Bro. Howard Jones was elected captain of the junior base-ball team.

Bro. Walter McIntire was elected by Irving Literary Society to



represent it as debater in the annual inter-society contest to be held next June. Brother McIntire is also leader of the college band. Brothers Moore, Wylie and Kline are members of the band.

We have one new brother to introduce to the fraternity at large and he is Brother Kline, of Bolwer, Ohio.

Ohio Beta Mu now consists of nineteen loyal Alpha Taus, and our prospects for the future are bright.

LAWRENCE McMANNIGAL, Correspondent.

OHIO BETA RHO, MARIETTA COLLEGE, MARIETTA.

Since our last letter to the PALM, Beta Rho has been enjoying her share of prosperity and has been making progress in many lines of college life.

We are glad to introduce to the brothers of A. T. O. Bro. Frank McKinney, a member of '98, whom we have initiated into the mysteries of A. T. O. since our last report. We congratulate ourselves in securing one who is an honor to us both in college work and athletic sports.

Brother Lehnhard has won the prize of \$30.00 for having passed the best examination at the close of the first session of the freshman year. This is a great honor to Brother Lehnhard, for he is almost the youngest member of the class.

Brothers Sloan, Morgan and Follett attended the annual meeting of the Ohio chapters at Columbus, and reported a good and enjoyable time. They succeeded in bringing back with them some of the enthusiasm present, which has done all of us much good.

We are represented on the base-ball team by three of our worthy brothers, who hold the following positions: pitcher, third-baseman and left fielder. Brother Sloan, a member of the base-ball team, is also president of the Base-ball Association.

In the field day sports we will be represented by at least four or five of our boys.

Out of the four chosen from the sophomore class to compete for a prize in a declamation contest, we are represented by Brothers Crooks and Morgan. Brother Morgan is also one of the editors of the *College Olio*.

In speaking of our Alumni, we have never heretofore had the honor of reporting any of their marriages. Happily, we now have that opportunity, and the honor falls to Bro. L. H. Cisler, who has been studying medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. Beta Rho extends congratulations and wishes him a prosperous and happy future.

J. W. CROOKS, Correspondent.



## PA. ALPHA IOTA, MUHLENBERG COLLEGE, ALLENTOWN.

Since her last chapter letter, Alpha Iota has initiated P. S. Trumbower into the mysteries of our Maltese Cross. We feel very proud of our "new baby," especially since he came to college under the strict (?) guidance of the Phi Gams.

The *Ciarla*, Muhlenberg's college annual, is the finest that has yet been published at this institution. We were ably represented on the staff by four of Alpha Iota's juniors, and the merits of the book are pronounced to be almost wholly due to Alpha Taus.

Rumor (based on fact) hath it that the charter of Epsilon Deuteron chapter of Phi Gamma Delta has been withdrawn. This leaves Alpha Tau Omega alone in the field of Greek Letter fraternities at Muhlenberg, and hence allows us to be extremely deliberate in taking in new men.

Our chapter is in a prosperous condition. Our financial condition is good; the A. T. O. spirit among the brothers could not be better.

The Congress number of the PALM was a fine issue. Our best wishes are for the success of the PALM and of all our sister chapters.

M. S. HOTTENSTEIN, Correspondent.

## PENNA. ALPHA RHO, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY, SOUTH BETHLEHEM.

To all brothers in Alpha Tau Omega Alpha Rho extends greetings. Since the last issue of the PALM Alpha Rho has enjoyed a period of quiet prosperity.

We have initiated no new men, but neither have we lost any of our old members.

Financially, the year has been a success. We have no large balance in the exchequer, but we have made extensive additions to our library and have refurnished a part of our home.

We have established a fund, to be devoted to the purchase of a christening cup, which shall be presented to the first male child born to a member of each class.

Lehigh has suffered a great loss by the death of ex-president and later senior professor, Doctor Coppee, who has also been "acting president" since the death of Doctor Lamberton.

The vacant chair of the presidency has been filled by the appointment of Doctor Drawn, late senior professor in chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

With best wishes to the grand officers and sister chapters from the members of Alpha Rho.

F. A. BOYER, Correspondent.

## PA. TAU, UNIVERSITY OF PA., PHILADELPHIA.

Since our last letter we have initiated: Bros. Harry C. Haden, of

San Antonio, Texas; Hugh D. Jamison, of Greensburg, Penna. Those brothers who expect to enter the university next year would confer a favor on Pa. 'Tau, by sending us their names before the close of the current collegiate year. It will aid us in finding them next fall. There are a number of Alpha Taus in the university, who have not affiliated with us.

Brothers Truman and Rutzler, of Cornell, were visitors to our chapter recently. Brothers Daggett, Robbins and Bryson, Cornell alumni, frequently visit us, and take great interest in our meetings.

The Pennsylvania Alumni Association holds monthly meetings at our chapter house. The association is in a flourishing condition. Being in touch with the several alumni brothers of different professions has a good influence on us.

Bro. Louis H. Cisler, an affiliate of Ohio Beta Rho, was recently married to a Philadelphia lady. The engagement of another worthy A. T. O. to a prominent Philadelphia lady is announced, and it is rumored that several brothers are seriously considering the question of their own chances.

The greatest difficulty Pa. Tau has to contend with, is in having the rooms of the chapter house occupied. If our members were all willing to live in the house, our financial success would be assured.

We expect to lose ten men by graduation in June. Their places will be hard to fill; but, with a large number of students and few fraternities, we have every chance for improvement.

We believe there are a number of Alpha Taus in Philadelphia of whom we know nothing. We hope the new directory will aid us in finding them.

Brothers Hollister and Blair of the 'Varsity Nine are playing in better form than ever.

CLIFFORD MARSHALL, Correspondent.

S. C. ALPHA PHI, SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE, COLUMBIA.

Alpha Phi has not had as prosperous a year as we had hoped for, as she has had what the small boy calls hard luck.

We started off with only three men, one of whom was an affiliate from the defunct chapter at the Citadel, Charleston, S. C., but were soon strengthened by an affiliate from Wofford, S. C., T. D. Johnson, who was quite an acquisition to our little band. We soon increased our number to seven, by "goating" three men, Clark, Beatie and Beasley; then, later on, Bruce, an alumnus, associated himself with the chapter, and we goated another man, Allen, who joined the college after the semi-annual exams.

Even with this small band, we managed to win a few laurels for our noble order: manager, full and half back on the foot-ball team,

and second honor man in college, president of one of the literary societies, and officers in the S. C. German Club, Law Association and other college associations.

But we suffered our first loss when Beatie, Law '97, left us to continue his studies in a lawyer's office at his own home and look after his business interests, which needed his attention, and now Brother Johnson is talking of leaving us before the end of the session, on account of his health, and going to Colorado or some seaport town.

W. TAYLOR GREEN, W. S.

TENN. ALPHA TAU, S. W. P. U., CLARKSVILLE.

It is with much pleasure that we again send greetings to all chapters of Alpha Tau Omega, through the PALM.

Since our last letter we have had no initiation, as the proper Alpha Tau material has been rather scarce in S. W. P. U. this session. However, we have a flourishing chapter of eleven active members and nine *fratres in urbe*, all full of genuine fraternity spirit.

Every active member owns and constantly wears a badge. Several brothers are so fortunate as to own two, one for themselves, and one for some of our loyal sisters to wear.

Our chapter holds regular weekly meetings, and they are always very much enjoyed.

We want to correct a statement in W. G. C. Glazebrook's last circular letter, in which he refers to *Tenn. A. T.* as one of the chapters whose charter was demanded by the last Congress; this is, no doubt, a typographical error, and should have been *Tenn. B. T.*

We are very proud of our new chapter in Texas, as the founders are two of the most loyal of our initiates, and we have a peculiar interest in the prosperity and success of Texas Gamma Epsilon. Three cheers for A. T. O. in Texas!!!

Bro. H. S. Caldwell now swings the gavel over Washington Irving Literary Society, and Bro. J. E. Green has the honor of occupying the president's chair, in Palmer Homiletic Society.

We were represented in the Washington Congress, and heartily approve the measures taken to improve the condition of our grand fraternity. Especially do we congratulate the members of said Congress upon their most excellent and wise choice of L. W. Glazebrook for Worthy Grand Chief. We are much pleased by the business-like and efficient way in which he conducts the arduous duties devolving upon him.

Brother Ehle has our congratulations for the splendid account given of Congress in last PALM.

With best wishes for the success of the PALM, and with fraternal greeting to all chapters and every Alpha Tau, we send this letter.

JAS. E. GREEN, Correspondent.

## TENN. BETA PI, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE.

We are delighted to give a few notes of Beta Pi's work and progress.

Our boys are deeply interested in getting a chapter house, and are vigorously planning to that end.

Since writing our last letter, Bro. Robt. L. Cave has been inducted into the mysteries. He is pursuing graduate work at the university, and is also co-principal of the Wharton Academic School of the city. To speak of Brother Cave's fitness to have received this honor and to discourse upon his ability to wear it well, would be inopportune at this time, for, above all else, he is a most modest man.

Brothers Hunter and Turner have been tendered, and have accepted a proposition from the citizens of Bridgeport, Ala., to start a Vanderbilt Training School, in that thriving little city; they are taking hold of the work in a vigorous manner and intend to have the school opened September next. We are very proud of these two brothers, both of whom we lose this year by graduation.

A few weeks ago we had the delightful pleasure of having with us for a day Bro. W. H. Flowers, Jr., of Bolling, Ala., an old member of Beta Pi; his "At Home" at the Duncan was much enjoyed by the boys—his truthful conversation and genial smile make him an ideal host.

The Annual Gymnasium Exhibition was given at the Grand Opera House on April 4. Alpha Tau had three representatives on the team: Bros. Robt. G. Tuttle, Jno. D. Trawick and R. E. L. Saner.

Bro. Chas. W. May, Law '95, won at the Annual Concourse a place on the Founders' Medal Contest, which takes place on the 27th of May, the birthday of the founder of the university, and the successful one wins the Founders' Medal, the highest honor in Vanderbilt for oratory.

We regret to chronicle the illness of Bro. J. Rhea Sumpter, who was taken home a few days since on account of a severe case of pneumonia, and sincerely hope that he will soon be restored to his wonted health and strength.

ROBT. E. L. SANER, Correspondent.

## TENN. BETA TAU, S. W. B. UNIVERSITY, JACKSON.

Perhaps you have thought our little chapter was snowed under this cold winter, but such was not our case. We have been weak, it is true, but still we survived. We did not want more men so much as *more man*, and I feel we have succeeded. We have twelve of the best boys in the university. Perhaps three more will come in at our next meeting. We meet regularly.



Myself and Bro. E. S. Byers are on the June program against two S. A. E. boys. We hope to make the contest very warm for them. You will hear from us later.

J. S. PATE, Correspondent.

TENN. LAMBDA, CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY, LEBANON.

We regret our failure to contribute to the February number of the PALM, but as affairs have been moving along smoothly with Tenn. Lambda, our progress in the past and hopes for the future may be quickly told.

With the beginning of the present term, Bro. G. M. Swingly returned, but was with us only a short time, duties at home claiming his attention. We are sorry to lose Brother Swingly, but hope to have him with us next year.

At our last meeting Bro. Carl Gilliland, class '98, took upon himself the vows of an Alpha Tau. We take pleasure in introducing Brother Gilliland to the fraternity at large, as we feel confident he will prove a loyal and enthusiastic brother.

Brother Darwin will represent us on the staff of our college annual, *The Phoenix*, as associate editor.

The literary and theological departments of our university expect to occupy the handsome new building, which is nearing completion, by the first of September.

Already we are beginning to look ahead, and we have one man pledged for next year. Though few in number as compared with our chapter of last year, we count it better to be a few working together in unison than to be a large number, often slightly discordant, and with sometimes a member disinterested.

SAM M. PARKS, Correspondent.

TENN. OMEGA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, SEWANEE.

The chapter assembled about the middle of March for the first meeting in '95. Fraternity spirit always runs high when brothers have been parted for several months. The PALMS had arrived, and, to console the editor for delay, had been for some time awaiting readers. However, the eagerness for Congress news made the supply vanish in a few moments.

We are rejoiced at the harmony pervading the whole fraternity, and doubly so, because there is no feeling of self-satisfaction, but a ready effort to correct all defects. Our delegates were enthusiastic over the fine body of men present at Congress.

This chapter would report two initiated since the reopening: Bro. John Ross, M. D., U. S. N., and Bro. James Daniel Warren.



Brother Ross ranks high in official circles, and has been especially honored by the government. He is now a resident professor in the medical department. His nautical experience agitated him somewhat the evening of his initiation; he asked in trepidation, and with an eye to preparation, if there was to be any "keel hauling." Brother Warren is a "bloody Englishman," and before initiation "chaffed" us as to being "nasty" about the "*beastly twaddle*."

Two much loved brothers have parted our company this term: Brothers Grant and Conness Shepherd, of Mexico. They are missed, both socially and on the score of athletics. Grant has played football in the line four years, and Conness, three years; most of the time they were right and left guard.

Here is a bit of news a chapter likes to publish: Tenn. Omega is free of debt. Our stone lodge and contents, costing in all twenty-five hundred dollars, has been paid for. But we are not satisfied, and the contract for an addition, in stone, as large as the present main hall, will be given out immediately. We desire to have everything finished by Commencement in August. It is the intention that the present generation of active members, with assistance from alumni, shall build this extension with rough interior work, leaving the coming men the opportunity of giving finishing touches. The plan of building adopted will add greatly to our already handsome lodge. The cost will be about five hundred dollars.

This chapter has been formerly sending out the Annual Report in October, owing to the arrangement of our collegiate year, but has now determined to comply with the requirement that these reports be sent out in June. We expect to send a large delegation to the Tenn. Alumni Association meeting, to be held in Nashville, May 17th. It will be a great day for the college world in this section. In addition to the above event, there will be an inter-collegiate debate between Vanderbilt and Sewanee, and also Vanderbilt's annual Field Day.

Fraternal greetings to all, and good words for the success of the  
PALM. J. W. CANTEY JOHNSON, Correspondent.

TEXAS GAMMA EPSILON, AUSTIN COLLEGE, SHERMAN.

It is with great pleasure that we, in this our first chapter letter, present the greetings of Texas Gamma Epsilon to the world of Alpha Tau Omega.

As the result of the active efforts of our many friends, we were informed early in February that our charter had been granted, but, owing to the delay in receiving the necessary papers, the organization was not effected until the night of March 12th, when, under the guidance of Brothers Chandler and Holmes, we were ushered into

the treasured secrets of the glorious order, receiving our first instruction in its ennobling principles.

The following are the names of our eleven charter members:

A. G. Thomas, '97, Winchester, Texas.  
M. B. Walcott, '98, Honey Grove, Texas.  
J. L. McCall, '98, Weatherford, Texas.  
W. A. Vinson, '96, Sherman, Texas.  
Sam J. McFarland, '95, Ladonia, Texas.  
George C. F. Butte, '95, San Francisco, Cal.  
T. L. Simmons, '95, Mexia, Texas.  
R. E. Vinson, '96, Sherman, Texas.  
Geo. W. Mitchell, '96, Sherman, Texas.  
O. C. Kirven, '98, Fairfield, Texas.  
J. E. Simmons, '95, Mexia, Texas.

All survived the ordeal of our introduction to the "goat" and a long-cherished wish was fulfilled when we appeared next morning with the golden badge of the order on our breasts.

We deem ourselves especially fortunate in having in our midst two such energetic and experienced Alpha Taus as Bros. Prof. S. E. Chandler and Mr. Bishop Holmes, to organize our chapter and guide its work. Both are from Tennessee Alpha Tau. Their labors for us have been untiring and are deeply appreciated by every member of the chapter.

We have secured a full set of the paraphernalia for the secret work and will proceed to familiarize ourselves with it as rapidly as possible, holding weekly meetings for its study.

Our newly elected chapter officers are as follows:

Sam J. McFarland, W. M.; W. A. Vinson, W. C.; G. C. F. Butte, W. K. A.; A. G. Thomas, W. K. E.; O. C. Kirven, W. S.; R. E. Vinson, W. U.; T. L. Simmons, W. Sen.; J. E. Simmons, Editor; G. W. Mitchell, Correspondent.

We have no entirely suitable place for meeting and are determined not to rest until we have a chapter house of our own. A careful look at the field convinces us that it can be done, as a lot near the college campus can be obtained at a low rate and a plain but comfortable house could be built at a moderate cost. Brother Holmes has charge of the work and will give further particulars in his article appearing elsewhere in this issue.

The many letters of welcome and congratulation received from our sister chapters were a source of great pleasure and encouragement, not only assuring us of their kindly welcome but at the same time affording a taste of the spirit and traits of the boys of Alpha Tau. We thank them for the cordial expression of their good wishes and trust that in steady perseverance in the principles of Alpha Tau Omega, in strict adherence to all requirements and in deep and wide-

awake interest in the advancement and elevation of our beloved brotherhood the "baby-chapter" will ever be distinguished.

We consider our future prospects bright. Being the first fraternity on the ground, we have had the pick of the men, and anticipate no difficulty in keeping at the head, whatever may come. While we are able to point with pride to the records of our men as to scholarship, etc., yet no selections have been based on that alone. Our list was made up solely of those who have proven themselves worthy of wearing the Maltese Cross, and with a view to the formation of a congenial, harmonious and vigorous chapter.

Our boys stand at the head in the recitation room, society hall, social circle, athletic field and parade ground. Brother Butte will be Valedictorian of the class of '95, and Bro. J. E. Simmons, Salutatorian. There will be five speakers out of the class of eleven, and four of those who have earned a place on the program are A. T. O.'s. Brothers Butte and Mitchell represented the Philennoian Society on the joint debate of Feb. 22nd. On the oratorical contest we have Brothers Holmes, Vinson, W., and Simmons, T. L. On the declamatory contest we have Brother Kirven for the Athenaeum Society and Bro. R. E. Vinson for the Philennoian. On the *Reveille* staff we have Bros. T. L. Simmons, Editor-in-Chief, and Brother Thomas, Business Manager. We have the following officers in the battalion: W. A. Vinson, Capt. "A" Co.; Quarter Master McFarland, Adj. R. E. Vinson, Lieuts. J. E. Simmons, T. L. Simmons and Holmes.

We hope to be able to maintain our high standing in the college, and that our loyalty to the general fraternity may never decrease but become more devoted as we learn more of its character and principles. We promise our best effort and most careful thought that those who worked so hard for us may be able to rejoice in our success and prosperity.

GEO. W. MITCHELL, Correspondent.

VT. BETA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF VT., BURLINGTON.

There have been very few changes in the affairs of Beta Zeta since our last letter to the PALM.

We are to change our quarters May 1, and have secured rooms, finished in accordance with our own plans, consisting of a reception hall, chapter hall, and sleeping room for the accommodation of janitor, and think we shall enjoy our new quarters much better than our present ones, on account of convenience and fine location.

Our eighth anniversary was celebrated on the nineteenth of April.

We still continue to receive due share of honors both at home and abroad.

Bro. F. B. Deberville had the honor of addressing the American Republican College League at its recent convention, held in Grand

Rapids, Mich. He was also elected first Vice-President of the League.

Bro. Henry Hagar was elected Department Chairman of the Northern New England College Republican League.

We are represented on the 'Varsity base-ball team by Brother Woodward (capt.); Brother Lowell (Ma'n'g'r); and Brother Raymond. The team has just returned from its annual Southern trip, and reports a good time.

A new local society has been established in the university and christened Alpha Phi. This makes now seven societies here.

We are pleased to see the care exercised by the several chapters in granting new charters.

N. D. BLAKE, Correspondent.

VIRGINIA BETA, WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY, LEXINGTON.

As the scholastic year is now rapidly drawing to a close, Va. Beta is hardly hopeful of increasing her session's roll; but let it not be thought of her that she has laid aside the garb of industry and listlessly strolled out to bask herself in the sunshine of contentment. We are gathering our energies and eagerly preparing the plan of concerted action which lies before us. Good tidings from our beloved brother and zealous worker, J. Sam Slicer, Jr., tell us of his certain return next session, and how glad we are to know that Bro. C. C. Tutwiler will be able to remain with us and pursue a post-graduate course in chemistry! Bro. W. A. Bell, who will be graduated from the law school, is the only one of our number leaving us this June.

In compliance with the request of our Worthy Grand Chief, we have been busy inquiring into the general condition of Virginia's chapters, and, in rendering our report, we regret to find Delta, of which we are so proud, and our own historic chapter are the only two that now enjoy an active existence. Shall this continue so? Shall this dear old land of our birth, where the banners of Alpha Tau Omega were first unfurled to the breezes of success, be left with only two of her offspring gathered around her to protect and uphold the glorious principles of our brotherhood? No, let it not be so, let every member of Beta and Delta lend a helping hand to raise up and re-establish our sister chapters.

Where is the brother who has read the Congress number of PALM and has not felt his heart throb with enthusiasm for A. T. O? We cannot submit this letter without expressing our gratitude for a sheet so filled with valuable information, noble thoughts and grand ideals.

This is our first opportunity to extend the warm hand of welcome to our present W. G. C., Bro. Larkin W. Glazebrook. The thought that he is the worthy son of a worthy sire gives us all the assurance



of his successful leadership, to say nothing of his own love and manifest enthusiasm, which has placed him at the head of our fraternity.

To our retiring Worthy Grand Chief, who has led us on to victory these many years and has planted the Maltese Cross upon the highest pinnacle of success, Va. Beta sends her sincerest message of gratitude. The crown of laurels shall be placed upon the head of him who has so untiringly toiled for a noble cause, and the voice of every chapter in the land shall be heard to exclaim: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

C. C. TUTWILER, Correspondent.

VIRGINIA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, CHARLOTTESVILLE.

Virginia Delta wishes to apologize to the PALM for not having written earlier in the session, and promises to be more punctual hereafter.

When college opened, our outlook for the coming session was not very promising, as we had lost, from graduation and other causes, fourteen out of twenty-one brothers. The remaining brothers, fully aware of the task incumbent upon themselves, captured four victims of the goat, whom Va. Delta wishes to introduce to the PALM and to the fraternity at large, as:

Bro. Charles M. Abbott, Bellevue, Va.; Bro. Gessner Harrison, Richmond, Va.; Bro. Morgan P. Robinson, Richmond, Va.; Bro. Theodorich A. Williams, Norfolk, Va.

The following have affiliated: Bro. Everett H. Coleman (Tenn. Omega); Bro. Richard Curd (Ga. Alpha Zeta); Bro. Frank N. Emmert (Penn. Alpha Upsilon); Bro. James A. Martin (La. Beta Epsilon); Bro. Nicholes B. Morton, M. S. (Ala. Alpha Epsilon); and Bro. Lindsay Peters (Tenn. Omega).

We have upwards of 575 students this year—the largest number since '59-'60. As to athletics, it is with just pride that we point to our achievements against Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania. Our team ranked fourth in the country, having been scored on but three times and beaten but twice. It is yet too early to make any prediction as to what kind of a base-ball nine we shall have.

We are by no means behind in our college honors. We have Bros. Charles Abbott, James Corbitt and Harrison Randolph in T. I. L. K. A., and Bro. André Burton in Eli Bananna. A chapter of Theta Nu Epsilon has just been organized and Bros. Will Cochran and Hollins Randolph were invited to join.

Brother Morlas was appointed Librarian of the Law Class over a large number of applicants, and fills the position with much satisfaction to all.

Under the head of Music we are well represented. Brother Harrison Randolph is Director and organist of the college choir. On the Glee,



Mandolin and Banjo Clubs, which have just made an extended tour through the West as far as Memphis and St. Louis, we had Bro. Harrison Randolph, director, and Bro. André Burton, soloist, of the Glee Club, and also Bro. Everett Coleman, while on the Banjo Club we were represented by Bro. Frank Shirer.

We deplore very much the fact that we shall lose Bro. Harrison Randolph next year. He has just accepted the chair of mathematics in the University of Arkansas. He has been an Alpha Tau ever since his first year in college, and his loss after six years (the last five of which he has been Instructor of Mathematics) of devotion and zealous and unceasing labor in the interests of Va. Delta and Alpha Tau at large, will be a source of no little regret to Va. Delta and University circles generally. We look forward to, and fully appreciate the need of, a directory.

With best wishes to the PALM and all our sister chapters for a prosperous year, we remain yours very fraternally.

MORGAN P. ROBINSON, Correspondent.

### OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Note carefully the following addresses of Grand Officers: Larkin W. Glazebrook, M. D., Worthy Grand Chief, 1403 N. Y. Ave., Washington, D. C.; Zac Tolliver, W. G. K. E., Custom House, Nashville, Tenn.; James E. Green, W. G. K. A., Clarksville, Tenn.; N. Wiley Thomas, Ph. D., Chairman of High Council, Girard College, Philadelphia, Pa.; E. I. Renick, Worthy Grand Chancellor, Department of State, Washington, D. C.; Louis C. Ehle, Editor of PALM, 1111 Ashland Block, Chicago.

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Any one desiring to dispose of back numbers of the PALM, will please communicate with the editor. We shall also be glad to publish lists of numbers wanted by any brother.

Mail all communications intended for No. 3, Vol. XV., so as to reach the editor not later than June 15th. Matter received subsequent to that date will not be used, unless good excuse for delay is given.

This is the second number of Vol. XV. Many brothers and chapters are in arrears for the last two volumes. This is asking too much of the editor. Please pay up at once.

**PALMS WANTED.** Michigan Beta Lambda wants copies of Nos. 1 and 3, of Vol. VII.; Nos. 1, 2 and 4 of Vol. VIII.; No. 4 of Vol. IX., and No. 1 of Vol. XII., to complete the chapter files. Address E. C. Keeler, Hillsdale, Mich.

## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION FROM W. G. K. A.

TO ALL CHAPTERS:—All chapters which have not sent in full reports of all initiates will please do so as soon as possible, as the Directory Committee expects to meet in Nashville, Tenn., during May, and make all necessary arrangements for publishing the Directory at once. Initiates not properly reported before June 1st will not be enrolled in the Directory.

Chapters should begin, at once, to get subscriptions from their alumni for the Directory—price will be \$1.50 per copy.

Brothers, don't forget to send your annual report to all chapters and officers before June 1st. See Constitution, p. 2, Art. X., Sec. 19. This is the only means of direct communication between all active chapters, and the W. G. K. A. must have such a report to properly check up the year's record of each chapter.

I appreciate the promptness of several brothers in answering my letter in last PALM; through their kindness I have succeeded in tracing all names published, except Charles B. Holladay, Va., and Duncan J. Baker, N. C. Can not some brother give me the chapter to which they belong?

Yours in the bonds,

JAS. E. GREEN, W. G. K. A.

## A COMMUNICATION ON S. C. BETA CHI.

DEAR BROTHER EHLE:—Since, at the last Congress, the advisability of fraternity extension was thoroughly discussed, it might not be out of place at this time to call attention to the lack of life in some of our active chapters. One, to which I particularly refer, is the South Carolina Beta Chi, located at the famous old Charlestown College.

This chapter was founded in 1889 and has initiated many excellent men into the mysteries of Alpha Tau, and has still a good field to pick from. But there is a lack of interest shown by the brothers, they have been very negligent in the requirements of the Constitution, and a number of their shortcomings might be mentioned, but it is not my purpose to censure the chapter.

What I urge is, that they "turn over a new leaf" and work with untiring zeal for Alpha Tau Omega, help to keep her as she now stands, foremost among college fraternities. I cannot do better than repeat the suggestions made by Brother Shives in his report of the last Congress, some of which I will mention. First of all, have regular and frequent meetings for the advancement and interest of the chapter and for the study of the Constitution and principles of our beloved brotherhood. See that each active member procures, and wears on all occasions, a badge of the fraternity. Let each member

subscribe for the PALM, and in this way, keep in touch with the rest of the fraternity. And last, but not least, form a closer relationship with your alumni and resident members by urging them to attend the meetings of your chapter.

Fraternally, A brother with best wishes for

S. C. Beta Chi.

### IN MEMORIAM.

Killed at the Proving Grounds, Sandy Hook, New Jersey, Feb. 19, 1895, by the bursting of a "Hotchkiss Rapid Firing Gun," Lieutenant Fremont Pearsons Peck, U. S. A., in the twenty-ninth year of his age.

Our Heavenly Father, in his wise providence, has summoned him, while yet in the prime of his young manhood, to the higher life; his prospects for success in his chosen profession were most brilliant; indeed, thus early in his career had he gained the confidence and affection of his superior officers.

Brother Peck was one of the charter members of New York Alpha Omicron chapter, of Alpha Tau Omega, and most worthily did he wear the Maltese Cross. It is our desire to emulate his virtues, and to so be, and act, in our chosen walks of life, that we may command that sincere respect, and cordial fellowship, which fell to his lot. We desire to testify our grief at his loss, and to extend to the stricken family our heartfelt sympathy. May the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, be present with them, and give unto them that consolation which is from above.

Let this notice be spread upon the minutes of our chapter, a copy sent to the family of our departed brother, and a copy be sent to the PALM, and the *Laurentian* for publication.

Committee { NATHAN FORD GIFFIN,  
WILLIAM HECTOR MURRAY,  
ERNEST ROBINSON.

New York, March 9th, 1895.

WHEREAS by a sudden and most lamentable accident our beloved brother Alpha Tau, Lieutenant Fremont P. Peck, U. S. A., has been taken from our midst in the flower of his early manhood,

Be it resolved that we, the New York Alumni Association of Alpha Tau Omega, deeply deplore the sad event that has deprived us of a brother so loyal and promising, and we hereby extend our profound sympathy to the relatives and friends of Lieutenant Peck in their sorrow.

Further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions together with a sketch of his life be sent to the PALM for publication, and that a copy be also sent to the relatives of deceased.

Committee { IRVING BACHELLER,  
WILLIAM J. WOODS.

## PERSONALS AND NEWS ITEMS.

Send the editor as many items as possible for this department. It makes the PALM more interesting and valuable. Everybody likes to read personals.

Alpha Tau Omega now has an active chapter membership of 645, distributed among 42 chapters. The largest chapter is Maine Beta Upsilon, with a membership of thirty-one, while Georgia Alpha Zeta and South Carolina Beta Phi each have only four members, the smallest number in any active chapter. The average number in a chapter is fifteen.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity has fifty-six chapters and twelve alumni associations. It was founded ten years earlier than Alpha Tau Omega, at the University of Alabama. This fraternity has recently entered Columbia, the University of California and St. Stephen's College.

Bro. W. G. Atwood, of N. Y. Beta Theta, is a member of the firm of Furner & Atwood, of Maywood, Ill., who are handling some of the real estate of the Proviso Land Association, of Chicago.

Bro. Clarence Scott, of Maine Beta Upsilon, is practicing law at Old Town, Me., with offices in the Bradbury Masonic Block.

Vanderbilt University is constructing a \$60,000 medical building.

Brother Smith, '93, of Me. Gamma Alpha, is pursuing a course in Boston University Divinity School. He is an earnest worker, and cannot fail of final success.

Bro. T. J. Pruitt, M. D., '91, of Ala. Beta Beta, has received the appointment of Quartermaster Inspector at Bluefields, Central America, from the Quarantine Board of Mobile, Ala., and his departure for the new field was set for May 1st.

Bro. Chauncey W. Martyn, of N. Y. Alpha Omicron, is practicing law at 88 Washington St., Chicago, in partnership with C. W. Stillman. The firm represents the large real estate business of Chandler & Co., and makes a specialty of this line of work.

Bro. Robbins, of Me. Gamma Alpha, is making a splendid record as a teacher in the Gardiner, Me., High School, and Brother Totman, of the same chapter, has been engaged by the High School at Bar Mills, Me.

Bro. J. W. Rutherford, M. D., '90, of Ala. Beta Beta, is practicing his profession at River Ridge, Ala.



Bro. Harry B. Lewis, of Va. Beta, who is practicing law at Washington Court House, O., is the happy father of a future Alpha Tau.

Bro. Henry Trawick, '91, of Ala. Beta Beta, is pastor of the First Methodist Church, at Demopolis, Ala.

Bros. Sam and David Miller, '94, Pa. Alpha Iota, have become the proprietors and managers of the *Allentown Morning Call*.

Bro. W. H. Phelps, of Mich. Beta Omicron, is taking a course in History and Political Science at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Bro. R. S. Breinig, Penn. Alpha Rho, B. S., '86, E. M., '89, is in the engineering department of the Colorado Iron Works, at Denver.

Bro. W. B. Riley, '92, Ala. Beta Beta, has been admitted to the bar, and is practicing law at Echo, Ala.

Bro. James B. Wenter, '90, Pa. Alpha Iota, formerly rector of Christ Church, Susquehanna, Pa., has accepted a call to the Church of Our Redeemer, Lexington, Mass.

Chi Phi has recalled the charter of its chapter at Ohio Wesleyan University, "no longer a congenial home for Chi Phi."

"The idea of uniting with Northern Kappa Alpha is but a phantom. In the first place, Northern Kappa Alpha has signified officially its disinclination to such a union. In the second place, to our minds, union with Northern Kappa Alpha is not only unwise but undesirable. The general tone and spirit of these two Greek fraternities bearing the same device, are entirely in conflict."—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

Bro. J. S. Chadwick, '91, Ala. Beta Beta, is at home from Los Cruces, New Mexico, where he was pastor of the M. E. Church, convalescing from a severe illness.

Bro. J. A. Morrow, C. E., '87, Pa. Alpha Rho, is a Hydraulic Engineer for the American Water Works and Guarantee Company Lim., at Pittsburg, Pa.

Bro. Max S. Erdman, '94, Pa. Alpha Iota, is private secretary to his father, Congressman C. J. Erdman.

Five additional trustees of Cornell University are to be elected this year from among alumni.

Phi Gamma Delta, with forty-six chapters, voted at the last convention to restrict extension. The charters of Muhlenburg and Bethel colleges were revoked, and a charter was refused Stevens Institute.

Bro. J. F. Inge, '92, Ala. Beta Beta, after graduating in medicine at the University of the City of New York, has located in Mobile, Ala.



Bro. Rufus K. Polk, B. S., '87, E. M., '88, Pa. Alpha Rho, is manager of the North Branch Steel Co., at Danville, Pa.

Bro. Aubrey Weymouth, C. E., Pa. Alpha Rho, is an inspector for the United States Naval Station at Port Royal, S. C.

Bro. W. R. Eckart, Jr., N. Y. Beta Theta, '95, having completed the required course in mechanical engineering at the end of the winter term, has left college to accept a position in California.

Bro. Ed. Rogers, now with the Alton Paving, Building & Fire Brick Co., is a very enthusiastic supporter of the PALM.

Brother Booth, our ex-W. G. K. A., has been in New Orleans investigating a flattering business opportunity, in connection with a weekly, on the same general plan as Harper's. He fears that the climate will injure his health, and will probably return North.

Bro. J. W. MacNider, N. Y. Beta Theta, is doing some very hard work at the College of Physicians & Surgeons, New York.

The N. Y. Alumni Association has published a directory, showing a membership of fifty-one. Copies may be obtained of Bro. Thad M. Jones, 66 Broadway, N. Y., by enclosing stamp.

Bro. Charles A. Moore, C. E., '94, Pa. Alpha Rho, has been down in the Barbadoes lately.

Bro. Will H. Jones, who has been abroad studying music for several years, has returned, and is visiting his brother, Thad. M. Jones, in New York City.

Bro. Thomas J. Bray, Jr., M. E., '94, Pa. Alpha Rho, is a superintendent and mechanical engineer for McGill & Co., Pittsburg, Pa.

Bro. Stewart W. Young, N. Y. Beta Theta, has been promoted to an assistant professorship at Stanford University. He has given much valuable assistance to Cal. Beta Psi.

Bros. Geo. R. Harvey and Charles J. Barr, both of N. Y. Beta Theta, are with the Illinois Steel Co., at South Chicago, and live at 42 53rd St., Chicago, Ill.

Bro. George T. Richards, C. E., '87, Pa. Alpha Rho, is chief engineer of the McKeesport & Belle Vernon R. R., and Bro. Walter Wyckoff, of the same chapter, has a position as chemist for the Thomas Iron Co., Catasqua, Pa.

Bro. S. B. Fortenbaugh, N. Y. Beta Theta, assistant professor of electrical engineering at Wisconsin University, visited Chicago recently, with a number of his students, to inspect Chicago manufacturing and operating plants. Bro. A. G. Laird is still at the same university. Both brothers are very successful in their work.

On Feb. 22, the Senate confirmed the nomination by the President of Hon. Erskine M. Ross, one of our founders, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Judicial District, provided for by an Act approved Feb. 8, 1895.

Last fall, Brother Caskey, of Ohio Alpha Nu, was quite seriously injured in a foot-ball game at Hiram College. His chapter brothers have all along shown the utmost sympathy with him in his suffering, and on his first appearance in the chapter hall in February, gave him the most touching evidence of their regard and every evidence of their joy at his recovery. Bro. H. C. Davis, on behalf of the chapter, presented Brother Caskey with a fine Alpha Tau pin, elegantly jeweled with emeralds and pearls. Brother Caskey was very much moved by the tribute, and made a feeling response.

**PALM WANTED.**—Wm. Raymond Baird, 243 Broadway, New York, desires the following back numbers of the PALM, to complete his files: No. 1, of Vol. IX.; Nos. 2 and 4, of Vol. XI.; No. 1, of Vol. XII., and No. 1, of Vol. XIII. He will pay fifty cents cash for each number, or will give a copy of his "American College Fraternities" for any two.

Bro. John G. Garlington, of Tenn. Omega, of Atlanta, Ga., together with another young attorney of that city, has established the *Southern University Magazine*, which seems to be meeting with a most favorable reception. Brother Garlington is editor-in-chief.

*The Southern Churchman* of March 14th contains an eloquent tribute, by Rev. Dr. Glazebrook, to the memory of Anne Watson Barbour, wife of Bro. Joseph R. Anderson, of Richmond, Va., who died at "Hawkwood," the residence of her parents, on January 10th, 1895. It will be remembered that Brother Anderson was the founder of the PALM. The sympathy of the fraternity goes with him in his great affliction.

**MARRIED.** April 24, 1895, at Vicksburg, Miss., Miss Mary E. Moody and Bro. Lee Richardson, of Tenn. Alpha Tau. Brother Richardson is one of our most loyal and prominent alumni in Mississippi. The bridal couple are taking a two months' trip along the Western coast, including Alaska.

Bro. W. C. Fitts, Tenn. Alpha Tau, Att'y General of Alabama, will deliver the commencement oration at S. W. P. U.

## CLIPPINGS.

### BRO. HARRISON RANDOLPH HONORED.

Mr. Harrison Randolph (M. A. '92), Va. Delta, at present Instructor in Mathematics here, has been elected Professor of Mathematics in the Arkansas Industrial University, at Fayetteville, Ark., and will enter upon his duties there in June. Mr. Randolph was born in New Orleans, but has lived in Virginia since 1881. He was prepared for the University at Pantops Academy, and gave proof here of his unusual ability and excellent training by the successful prosecution of his studies. Taking his Master's degree in 1892, he has since that time pursued advanced studies in Mathematics and Physics. By his genial nature and accommodating spirit he has commended himself to the entire community, which owes him particularly a debt for his interest in music and his unselfish devotion to its furtherance here.

We commend him cordially to the good will and esteem of our Alumni in the institution with which he is to be identified.—Univ. of Va. *Alumni Bulletin* for Feb., '95.

### MERITED PRAISE OF A TENNESSEE BROTHER.

Mr. J. W. Cantey Johnson, who has most acceptably filled the position of lay reader in the Episcopal Church at this place since the 1st of January, leaves Monday for his home in Charleston. Thence he goes to Sewanee to complete his course in the theological department. He will return to this State in August next and take charge of a parish. Mr. Johnson has made a most pleasant impression and his many friends wish him all success.—Charleston (S. C.) *News & Courier (Exchange)*.

### BROTHER CARMICHAEL (TENN. OMEGA) MARRIED.

The Atlanta *Journal* of April 3rd pays a very high compliment to Dr. Harry O. Carmichael, M.D., '94, who has been substitute on the staff of the Grady Hospital in that city since leaving Sewanee. It was occasioned by the receipt of invitations to the marriage of Dr. Carmichael to Miss Bertha Hauck, of Lewisburg, Penn., which will occur on May 16th. After the marriage they will leave for Decorah, Iowa, which will be their future home. Dr. Carmichael has been appointed surgeon to one of the leading railroads of the West. *The Purple* extends heartiest congratulations.—*Sewanee Purple*.

## FIFTH OHIO STATE CONVENTION.

The fifth annual conclave of A. T. O. fraternity opened Feb. 22, in the parlors of the Park Hotel, Columbus, O. All the morning the hotel corridors were filled with the bright, busy faces of the young men who represent the oldest and largest fraternity established since the war.

A. T. O. was first established in Ohio at Mt. Union College, Alliance, in 1882, and since that time five sister chapters have sprung up in the leading educational institutions of the state.

Seven hundred of the best known citizens, educators, lawyers, business men, now wear the insignia of A. T. O. in this state. The meeting of the delegates was marked by enthusiasm and good-will. Every chapter had at least five men present, Delaware and Wittenberg being present in a body.

After all had gathered in the cozy reading-room of the Park, the meeting was called to order by President Roy Spencer, of Ohio Beta Omega.

Reed H. Game of the State University chapter made a short address of welcome, which was responded to by ex-Worthy G. C. Shives.

The following reports were then made from the various chapters:

Brother Miller—Wittenberg; Brother McGrew reported for the Alumni Association at Springfield; Brother Hart—Mt. Union; Brother Henderson—Delaware; Brother Bradshaw also spoke very favorably of their chapter and work at O. W. U.; Brother Sloan—Marietta; Brother Follard also reported from Marietta; Brother Reed Game reported for the State University and he spoke principally of the injustice done the chapter by the inter-fraternity association and the "Makio" board; Brother Jones, of Wooster, gave an interesting report mentioning the fact that entire paraphernalia had been secured for their hall; Brother Spencer, being alumnus delegate of Wooster, reported for the same.

Then followed reports from other members present, among whom were: Brother Conant, Wooster; Brother House and Brother Shirllock (pledged), of Delaware. Bro. E. J. Shives made a very interesting report concerning the condition of the Ohio chapters as he found them on his last visit. He spoke flatteringly of all of them and said that they were among the most loyal.

The reports show an active membership of over 100 men.

Thirty have been initiated during the school year and one chapter house has been obtained.



On motion of Brother Game, the meeting at this point was declared informal.

Immediately the organization proceeded to the consideration of the publication of a state catalogue, and after being ably discussed by those present, the following motion was made by Brother Mundhenk, of Columbus, "That a grand committee of three be appointed, together with a sub-committee composed of one member from each chapter, for the purpose of publishing a state catalogue."

On motion of Brother Morgan, of Marietta, the grand committee was selected from O. S. U. chapter.

The committee appointed was as follows:

Brothers Snyder, Evans and Sternberger.

The sub-committee was appointed as follows:

Brother Conant, of Wooster; Brother Pearson, of Delaware; Brother Miller, of Wittenberg; Brother Morgan, of Marietta, and Brother March, of Mt. Union.

On motion then the convention proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. The election resulted as follows:

President, Bro. W. R. Bass, Delaware; Vice-President, Bro. Edgar Morgan, Marietta; Secretary, Bro. H. G. Jones, Wooster; Treasurer, Bro. R. H. Game, Columbus; Sentinel, Bro. E. J. Shives, of Sandusky.

On motion the convention adjourned until 2 o'clock, when the convention attended the "University Day" exercises in a body.

Before final adjournment a motion to meet at the Park Hotel parlors at 7:30 to spend a social hour before attending the banquet.

At 7:30 P. M. the members again came together at the Park Hotel and after a short delay repaired to the Normandie, where an elegant banquet of forty covers was in waiting.

The rooms were elegantly decorated with a profusion of old gold and blue and white and green, while every delegate wore a white tea rose, the frat-flower, as a boutonniere.

After several courses were served and stowed away, all were ready for the following toasts:

"A. T. O. in Ohio,".....O. K. Conant, Ohio Beta Mu, Wooster.

"Mush and Milk,".....H. A. March, Ohio Alpha Nu, Alliance.

"Our Royal Bumper,"..Harold Bush, New York Beta Theta, Ithaca.

"Alpha Taus in Athletics,"..H. E. Sloan, Ohio Beta Rho, Marietta.

"Our Motto,".....A. A. Henderson, Ohio Beta Eta, Delaware.

"Our Grip,".....Harry Miller, Ohio Alpha Psi, Springfield.

"Our Temple of Friendship,"

.....Walter Snyder, Ohio Beta Omega, Columbus.

"The Mystic Tie,".....W. L. Hart, Ohio Alpha Nu, Alliance.

"Our Grand Officers,"...E. J. Shives, Ohio Alpha Psi, Springfield.

"Our Chapter,".....Howard Jones, Ohio Beta Mu, Wooster.



"The Maltese Cross,".....Frank House, Ohio Beta Eta, Delaware.

"Alpha Taus,".....John McGrew, Ohio Alpha Psi, Springfield.

"A. T. O.'s Future,"..D. Edgar Morgan, Ohio Beta Rho, Marietta.

Roy Spencer filled the chair of symposiarch, with the dignity of a judge.

The toasts were given and wit and eloquence reigned supreme until the small hours of the morning, when the boys parted, wishing for many returns of the event which so happily brought them together.

Toastmaster Spencer declared the convention at an end and adjourned to meet in Delaware on the third Friday of Feb., 1896.

HOWARD G. JONES, Secretary of State Association.

# Alpha Tau Omega Palm.

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## A WELCOME TO ALPHA TAUS.

[Closing words of the address of welcome at the Michigan Convention, May 3rd.]

A welcome smiles on each gladsome face  
And beams in each sparkling eye;  
And a spirit of welcome rules the place  
Where our sisters fair with stately grace  
To the banquet board draw nigh.  
And beauty smiles with radiance bright  
Where the Maltese Cross is Queen;  
While memories filled with rare delight  
Crowd on each mind this gladsome night,  
As brothers true are seen.  
For A. T. O. claims a reverence due  
From each brave and loyal son;  
And vows of friendship we here renew,  
Where hands are strong and hearts beat true  
And duties are bravely done.  
And hand clasps hand in a welcome warm,  
In true, fraternal greeting;  
No fears annoy, no cares alarm,  
While we feel the thrill of Friendship's charm  
In this gay and joyous meeting.  
When convention's called for work or fun  
The Alpha Taus ne'er fail;  
From Chicago, Adrian, Albion,  
Each loyal heart, each faithful one  
Has traveled to fair Hillsdale.  
We are met as we've met in days gone by  
To plan for our A. T. O.;  
Our hearts beat true, our hopes are high,  
And victory smiles in each sparkling eye,  
For our cause is just, we know.

In the name of the past and of heroes gone,  
 We bid you a welcome kind;  
 In the name of all A. T. O. has done,  
 Of the victories gained and the battles won  
 And the memories left behind.  
 We meet you and greet you as brothers all,  
 And sisters so leal and true;  
 Let laughter ring through each room and hall  
 That each heart may this meeting with joy recall,  
 When we've said a fond adieu.

JAY CEE.

### A COMPLETE LIST OF CHAPTERS.

In view of the fact that a catalogue of the fraternity is now in preparation, it may be interesting, from a historical point of view, to present a complete list of chapters, in their order of establishment, with date of same, name of college, and other information; considerable time has therefore been devoted to the preparation of the accompanying list, which, we believe, is as full and complete as possible.

It was recently stated in one of our exchanges, that chapters of Alpha Tau Omega are named in the order of the Greek alphabet. This is true, but it is the rule to prefix the name of the state. There seems, at first, to have been a slight confusion in the system of naming, and we infer that at one time it was the intention to name in the order of the Greek Alphabet within each state and prefix the name of the state, for the sake of distinction. For instance, there was a *Virginia* Alpha and a *Kentucky* Alpha, etc. This was happily changed. The early chapters were not placed in the order which their names would indicate. Thus, W. V. Zeta, Va. Zeta, Tenn. Theta, Tenn. Iota, Tenn. Gamma, Tenn. Kappa, and Tenn. Lambda were all founded before Va. Delta.

The work of compilation of this list has been made quite easy, for a large portion of our fraternity history, by Bro. W. B. Nauts, of Sewanee, with the coöperation of Bro. H. N. Felkel, then editor of the PALM. Quite a complete directory was published in Vol. VIII. of the PALM, which will prove invaluable to all subsequent cataloguers.



In several cases the same name has been given to different chapters. The chapter at Milledgeville, Ga., was known as Ga. Beta Mu, and, of course, we still have Ohio Beta Mu, at Wooster University. There was apparently a clerical error in this case, and we have given what we consider the correct chapter name in this case, for our Ohio brothers are certainly entitled to the name which they have borne with so much honor during the last seven years. It will be noted that there were two Zetas, one a community chapter of little importance, and the other at Central University, which produced many stanch Alpha Taus.

VIRGINIA ALPHA, the parent chapter, was founded at Virginia Military Institute, at Lexington, Va., on September 11th, 1865, by Rev. Otis A. Glazebrook, D. D., Hon. Erskine Mayo Ross and Capt. Alfred Marshall. Its roll shows 102 initiates. Chapter now dead.

VIRGINIA BETA, founded at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., on Nov. 18th, 1865, by Virginia Alpha. It has a splendid list of alumni.

TENNESSEE GAMMA was a community chapter at Columbia, Tennessee, founded in 1867, by William J. Webster, of Va. Beta, and Joseph W. Gordon, of Va. Beta. Only about a dozen men were initiated, and the active life of the organization soon ceased.

VIRGINIA DELTA was founded at the University of Virginia, at Charlottesville, in September, 1868, by William George Bennett. Bro. Hampson Gary, of this chapter, published a neat and complete catalogue of this chapter in 1893.

VIRGINIA EPSILON was founded at Roanoke College, Salem, Va., on Nov. 15, 1869, by James W. Marshall, A. M. It became extinct only last year. Among its initiates were Edward I. Renick, our present W. G. Chancellor. The chapter was not active during the period from 1876 to October, 1881, when it was reorganized by Bro. Sylvanus Stokes, of Va. Delta.

KENTUCKY ZETA was founded at Central University, at Richmond, Ky., in June, 1884. Among its initiates were Bros. O. N. O. Watts and W. E. Cabell.

WEST VIRGINIA ZETA was a community chapter, founded at Weston, W. Va., on April 1st, 1866, by William George Bennett, of Va. Alpha. Its complete roll comprises only nine names.

VIRGINIA ETA was a community chapter, founded at Harrisburg, Va., on July 7th, 1866, by that loyal Alpha Tau, Frederick

Augustus Berlin, of Va. Beta. It perhaps lived longer than any other community chapter, the Hon. Jas. W. Marshall being initiated as late as 1869. There were only nine initiates.

TENNESSEE THETA was a community chapter, founded at Knoxville, Tenn., on July 17th, 1866, by Chalmers Deaderick and John M. Kennedy, both of Va. Beta. There were only nine initiates. In 1879, by act of Congress, Tenn. Theta became Tenn. Omega.

TENNESSEE IOTA was founded as a community chapter at Murfreesboro, Tenn., in 1867, by James Armstrong Leiper, Thomas T. Eaton and James H. Jamison, all of Va. Beta, but was soon transferred to Union University, of that place, which long since closed its doors. There were only thirty-six initiates.

TENNESSEE KAPPA was a community chapter, founded at Memphis, Tenn., in 1867, by James M. Harris, of Va. Beta. There were only eight initiates, the last in 1872.

TENNESSEE LAMBDA was founded at Cumberland University, at Lebanon, Tenn., on Jan. 17th, 1868, by Thomas T. Eaton, of Va. Beta, F. R. Burrus, of Tenn. Iota, W. A. Wilkerson, of Tenn. Iota, Samuel T. Jamison, of Tenn. Iota, and E. L. Turner, of Tenn. Iota. Hon. Andrew Price and Hon. Jos. Hayes Acklen were among the first initiates, and also Zach Tolliver, our W. G. K. E., who has been the mainstay of "old Lambda," ever since he was initiated in 1872.

KENTUCKY MU was founded at Kentucky Military Institute, at Farmdale, Ky., on March 10th, 1870, by Hon. Thomas G. Hayes, of Va. Alpha. It was reorganized in 1881, by Bro. Sylvanus Stokes, of Va. Delta, the chapter having been previously known as Kentucky Alpha. The chapter was a very strong and loyal one during its existence.

TENNESSEE NU was founded at the University of Nashville, at Nashville, Tenn., in Nov., 1871, by Charles Brown Percy, of Va. Beta, and Charles E. Waldron and John H. Glennon, both of Tenn. Lambda. It is believed to have become extinct in 1874 or 1875.

NORTH CAROLINA CHI was founded at Trinity College at Trinity, N. C., on March 30th, 1872, by Joseph Reid Anderson, Jr., of Va. Alpha, and Moses Langley Wicks, of Va. Delta. Walter H. Page, of the *Forum*, was one of the first initiates. There were seventy-five in all.

KENTUCKY OMICRON was founded at Bethel College, at Rus-

sellville, Ky., in May, 1872, by Dorsey O. Thomas, of Tenn. Iota, and Frank Pugh Bond, of Tenn. Lambda. There were only three initiates.

TENNESSE PI was founded at East Tennessee Wesleyan University, at Knoxville, Tenn., in Oct., 1872, by Alfred Iverson Branham, of Ky. Omicron. There were only four initiates.

VIRGINIA RHO was founded at Bethel Academy, at Warrenton, Va., on Dec. 11th, 1873, by Richard R. Kirke, of Va. Epsilon. There were only nineteen initiates, among them being our genial brother, Alfred J. Stofer, now a prominent journalist of Washington, D. C., and an enthusiastic member of the D. C. Alumni Association.

GEORGIA SIGMA was a community chapter at Rome, Ga., founded by Alfred Iverson Branham, of Ky. Omicron, and Thomas C. Lumpkin, of Tenn. Lambda. There were only six initiates.

PENNSYLVANIA TAU was founded at the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, Pa., on April 5, 1881, by Bro. Sylvanus Stokes, of Va. Delta, and was the first northern chapter, Bro. N. Wiley Thomas, chairman of the High Council, being the first initiate. In spite of many ups and downs in the past, Penn. Tau is now one of the strongest chapters on the list.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA UPSILON was founded at the Columbian University at Washington, D. C., on Nov. 6, 1874, by Chas. Wythe Gleaves and Francis Ferdinand Marbury, both of Va. Epsilon. The chapter was killed by anti-fraternity laws, but was revived April 17, 1887, by that stanch Alpha Tau, Bro. John Cochran Pugh, of Ala. Beta Delta, only to die an early second death.

VIRGINIA PHI was a community chapter founded at Alexandria, Va., Dec. 11, 1874, by Hon. Leonard Marbury, of D. C. Upsilon. The last initiation took place in 1876. There were in all thirteen initiates.

ILLINOIS CHI was a community chapter, and the first organization of Alpha Taus in the north, founded at Chicago, Ills., on July 21, 1875, by Robert A. Waller, of Va. Beta, and Wm. Carson, of the same chapter. There were only five initiates.

MARYLAND PSI was founded at Johns Hopkins University, at Baltimore, on April 9, 1877, by Walter H. Page, of N. C. Chi, Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, Thos. G. Hayes, of Va. Alpha, and five others. We believe there is no record of initiates, and while there have always been Alpha Taus in attendance at Johns Hopkins,

the University has not been regarded as a fraternity stronghold.

TENNESSEE OMEGA was founded at the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., on August 21, 1877, by John Q. Lovell and W. S. Lovell, both of Va. Alpha. Every reader of the PALM is familiar with the brilliant record of this chapter, one of the brightest gems in the regal crown of Alpha Tau Omega.

This takes us through the alphabet once. After the last named chapter, chapter names are compound, and their history is more familiar. We therefore give only a tabulated list, without remarks, showing merely name of chapter, name of college, location, and date of founding. Extinct chapters are marked with a star.

The list to date is as follows: [See opposite page.]

We have thus shown a list of seventy-nine chapters, eight of which were community chapters, not established at educational institutions, and in five cases there were no initiations made, although a charter was granted. This would leave a total list of only sixty-six chapters actually established at colleges, and of these forty-four are still on the PALM's list, and of those chapters which have become extinct many have died with their college, and a few may yet be revived. A good record for thirty years!



Name of Chapter.	College.	Location.	Date of Founding.
Va. Alpha Alpha*	Richmond College.....	Richmond.....	Sept. 10, 1878.
Ga. Alpha Beta...	University of Georgia....	Athens.....	Nov., 1878.
La. Alpha Gamma*	University of Louisiana...	New Orleans....	
N. C. Alpha Delta.	University of N. C.....	Chapel Hill.....	May 23, 1879.
Ala. Alpha Epsilon.	Ala. A. & M. College....	Auburn.....	Dec. 18, 1879.
Ga. Alpha Zeta....	Mercer University.....	Macon.....	Nov. 23, 1880.
Ga. Alpha Eta*	Bingham's School.....	Mebane.....	
Ga. Alpha Theta...	Emory College.....	Oxford.....	April 26, 1881.
Penn. Alpha Iota..	Muhlenberg College.....	Allentown.....	Oct. 14, 1881.
N. J. Alpha Kappa.	Stevens Inst. of Tech....	Hoboken.....	Oct. 15, 1881.
N. Y. Alpha Lambda*	Columbia College.....	New York.....	Nov. 25, 1881.
Mich. Alpha Mu...	Adrian College.....	Adrian.....	Oct. 14, 1881.
O. Alpha Nu.....	Mt. Union College.....	Alliance.....	Feb. 14, 1882.
Ark. Alpha Chi*....	Industrial University....	Fayetteville....	March 11, 1882.
N. Y. Alpha Omicron	St. Lawrence University..	Canton.....	March, 1882.
Penn. Alpha Pi*	Washington & Jefferson..	Washington.....	March, 1882.
Penn. Alpha Rho..	Lehigh University.....	So. Bethlehem....	March, 1882.
Ore. Alpha Sigma*	State Agri. College.....	Corvallis.....	April 1, 1882.
Tenn. Alpha Tau...	S. W. P. University.....	Clarksville.....	April 19, 1882.
Pa. Alpha Upsilon.	Pennsylvania College....	Gettysburg.....	June 27, 1882.
S. C. Alpha Phi...	S. C. College.....	Columbia.....	Nov. 25, 1883.
S. C. Alpha Chi*..	S. C. Mil. Academy, "The Citadel".....	Charleston.....	Dec., 1883.
O. Alpha Psi.....	Wittenberg College.....	Springfield.....	Nov. 8, 1883.
Fla. Alpha Omega*	University of Florida....	Tallahassee.....	Feb., 1884.
Ia. Beta Alpha*	Simpson College.....	Indianola.....	—1885.
Ala. Beta Beta....	Southern University....	Greensboro.....	March 28, 1885.
Mass. Beta Gamma*	Mass. Inst. of Tech.....	Boston.....	April 3, 1885.
Ala. Beta Delta....	University of Alabama....	Tuscaloosa.....	Oct. 29, 1885.
La. Beta Epsilon..	Tulane University.....	New Orleans.....	Feb. 1, 1887.
Vt. Beta Zeta....	University of Vermont....	Burlington.....	April 19, 1887.
O. Beta Eta.....	Ohio Wesleyan University	Delaware.....	Oct. 6, 1887.
N. Y. Beta Theta..	Cornell University.....	Ithaca.....	Nov. 11, 1887.
Ga. Beta Iota.....	Ga. Inst. of Tech.....	Atlanta.....	Sept. 16, 1888.
Mich. Beta Kappa.	Hillsdale College.....	Hillsdale.....	Jan. 17, 1888.
Mich. Beta Lambda*	University of Michigan..	Ann Arbor.....	Dec., 1888.
O. Beta Mu.....	University of Wooster....	Wooster.....	Dec. 20, 1888.
Ga. Beta Nu*	Middle Ga. M. & A. C....	Milledgeville....	Dec. 28, 1888.
S. C. Beta Chi*....	Charleston College.....	Charleston.....	Feb. 2, 1889.
Mich. Beta Omicron	Albion College.....	Albion.....	May 24, 1889.
Tenn. Beta Pi.....	Vanderbilt University....	Nashville.....	Oct. 19, 1889.
O. Beta Rho.....	Marietta College.....	Marietta.....	June 24, 1890.
Va. Beta Sigma*	Hampden-Sidney College..	Hampden-Sidney	May 8, 1891.
Tenn. Beta Tau...	S. W. Baptist College....	Jackson.....	Nov., 1890.
Me. Beta Upsilon..	State College.....	Orono.....	April 10, 1891.
S. C. Beta Phi.....	Wofford College.....	Spartanburg....	May 2, 1891.
Penn. Beta Chi*..	Haverford College.....	Haverford.....	May 8, 1891.
Cal. Beta Psi.....	Leland Stanford Jr. Univ.	Palo Alto.....	Feb. 29, 1892.
O. Beta Omega....	State University.....	Columbus.....	May 6, 1892.
Me. Gamma Alpha.	Colby University.....	Waterville.....	June 2, 1892.
Mass. Gamma Beta	Tuft's College.....	Medford.....	Jan. 29, 1893.
Ind. Gamma Gamma	Rose Polytechnic Institute	Terre Haute.....	Nov. 15, 1893.
R. I. Gamma Delta	Brown University.....	Providence.....	Sept. 21, 1894.
Tex. Gamma Epsilon	Austin College.....	Sherman.....	March 12, 1895.
Ill. Gamma Zeta...	University of Illinois....	Champaign.....	March 16, 1895.



## JERREMS' "FRATERNITY."

"I owe all the success that thus far has attended me through life to my college fraternity."—*Extract from the banquet toast of any alumnus.*

Fraternity is a big thing at college and especially at our college. To a neutral "fraternity" means a coveted prize; the girls you meet in society know it only as something on account of which they are allowed to wear a pretty jeweled pin and the pater puts down an extra figure or two on the monthly allowance because of it. To a member, his "fraternity" means everything. The older alumni who come back at commencement and wander through the corridors, looking for their old rooms—alumni of the days when the red and white roses of the literary societies used to occupy the place of the sparkling shields and diamonds, and when "rushing" and "spiking" were unknown—don't understand what it means to come back to the chapter house, look over the dingy-framed groups on the smoking room wall where you figure in old-fashioned college toggery, relics of the time when blazers and sweaters were having their first fight for existence, and give every one from the outgoing senior to the chapter babe the grip you haven't forgotten.

When solid, middle-aged men, ministers, many of them, will sit from eleven until four in an atmosphere of banquet room smoke, singing the old chapter songs from the battered chapter song books; responding to innumerable toasts, which are cheered to the echo by the undergraduates at the far end of the table—you never know what a good after dinner talker you are until you come back to your chapter banquet—and winding up with an impromptu song service under the trees in front of the sleeping dormitories, with the grey of dawn creeping over the college; when you see all this done commencement after commencement, you begin to be impressed by the strength of the fraternity sentiment. That is, if you are an outsider. If you are a college man, it won't be necessary.

The fraternities have done a deal of good at our college, and what is more, the faculty know it. When Brandon, of my class, set the pace in his sophomore year and the faculty secretary be-

gan to send him notices appointing interviews with the president—the faculty secretary does this whenever the faculty arrives at the conclusion that a student is going to the devil, which means poker, getting drunk in dormitory, or flunking two or three successive written monthlies—it was his chapter that pulled him together. He was graduated a Phi Beta Kappa, and not half a dozen who heard him speak that class day knew that Brandon would never have worn a cap and gown had it not been for that group of laughing underclass men in one of the front rows, who applauded every word he uttered, and anxiously watched the junior chairman hand up over the orchestral palms a big bouquet bearing a card with some Greek letters.

When Brownlee, from New Mexico, died of typhoid fever just before the Easter recess, it was his chapter mates who took the body home to the brokenhearted mother, and a tenderer escort a dead king never had. It is the fraternity which carefully collects chemistry papers every year, and edits its own Seneca horse, to which there is no purchasable translation, and many a junior owes his passing in the laboratory finals to Furst or Shaw six classes back.

When one is lucky enough to have girls visit you at our college, it is the members of your fraternity who serenade under their windows, play tennis with them hot afternoons, when chasing wide balls is no sport, and show them the buildings when you are cooped up in a lecture you daren't cut. All this "fraternity" means, and a great deal more that cannot be told here.

Each college student knows this, and that is the reason a new fraternity chapter breaks out every year or two. The neutrals of a few terms' standing give up hope, and start a feeble chapter of their own in self-defense. Sometimes they last, but very often they do not, and the ones that do are rarely worth much.

Just why none of the chapters at our college ever "spiked" Jerrems was a mystery to me. He was a city fellow, dressed well, dabbled with fair success in athletics, and didn't board at a students' club. This last meant that he had money. Being a neutral never seemed to bother him, though, and he was on good terms with all the chapters in college. But I remember how queer he looked when we'd be playing whist in one of the fellow's rooms on Friday nights and we would stop sharp at eleven, every one at the table tramping off to chapter meeting except himself.

He came into my room one evening just as I was turning in after a three hours' wrestle with some German poetry, and told me that his folks were coming to see him the next week. That was the first time I ever heard him mention fraternity.

"Of course none of you men know exactly how I feel having to go it all by myself," he said. "You are all fraternity men, and have a right to ask one another to do things. I don't mind it so much as a rule, only now that the mother and sisters are coming out I feel as if I must have some one to help me through."

I could see it was hard work for him to get on with what he was saying, and so I tied a double knot in the shoe string I was loosing to give him a chance to pull together. Fraternity is a delicate matter to talk about with another fraternity man, but to discuss it with a neutral is unheard of.

His sisters, he said, were Wellesley girls, and knew all about fraternities. I thought this a bad sign, but I didn't tell him so.

A girl is perfectly justified in wearing as many pins as she may be offered, but she wants to stop there. When she begins to discuss fraternities openly it does not sound pretty, and most fellows will ask for their pins as soon as they get a chance to speak to her alone. And then he went on to say that when he came to college and didn't receive a bid, he was too much ashamed to write the truth about it, and had given them the name of a fictitious crowd as that of the fraternity he had joined. The "Omega Psi," he called it. They had kept writing him all sorts of questions about it, and he had given the names of ten men as members.

I groaned as he went on naming them. Every one of the eight chapters in college had a representative.

"For Heaven's sake, Jerrems," I gasped, "how did you mix the crowd up so?"

"Well, it's done now," he answered grimly.

He looked so genuinely miserable and helpless that the ridiculous side of the whole thing struck me, and I rolled over the bed laughing so violently that Jerrems himself was finally forced to join in the merriment, and we both acted like a pair of hysterical girls for five minutes. When he finally went down the draughty corridor with its flickering one gas light—they haven't got them any more; the faculty has put in lamps for the students to amuse themselves by throwing pop bottles and old foot-ball shoes at; there was a junior on our hall who could knock off the chimney top nine times out of ten while standing at the door of the hall,

and that was a good thirty feet—I had promised to interview the fellows he had, unknown to themselves, grouped into the Omega Psi—he had given me a list of them—and ask them to help them through. He told me that his younger sister, Olive he said her name was, had taken a fancy to me because he used to write a good deal about me. There were three of them, that is, his sisters. He showed me her picture, and I don't pretend to say that the latter was not a factor in inducing me to take the step I did.

I thought I would have to undertake a delicate piece of engineering, to say the least, to approach the eight men, all of other fraternities, and probably be laughed at for my pains. It wasn't, though, much to my surprise. They promptly entered into the spirit of the thing. Only one man objected to "making a jay" of himself, as he put it. That was Melville, of the Delts, and he melted as soon as he saw Olive's photograph—I am at liberty to call her that—which I had, unknown to Jerrems, abstracted from his dressing table for use in an emergency.

We had a council of war in my room that same night, in which Jerrems participated, and broke down, because as he said, we were being "so damned good" to him. We mapped out a regular schedule then and there for the entertainment of his sisters. We detailed ourselves in squads of three to take them to nine practice, bowl in the gym., help them clamber up the rickety old bell tower and scribble their initials on the shaky cupola posts, and do all the other things that delight the hearts of girl visitors to our college.

We couldn't manage a pin for the Omega Psi's off-hand, but compromised on little red and blue boutonnières. "Don't forget the grip," said Jerrems. "They think that is the most important thing about a fraternity, and will expect to see us giving it to each other every half hour."

Melville swore out loud at this, and had to be pitched over the footboard into the water pitcher to keep him quiet, while Dana, of Beta Chi, devised an elaborately showy grip, which consisted in touching the forehead with the left hand and grasping the other man's hand with the right, while you wheel around on your left heel.

Then we all went down to Pinckney's, and when the party broke up sometime near morning Jerrems' supper bill must have run into two figures. He couldn't thank us enough, and we had to drink the champagne he ordered because Pinckney would have



served it over again if we hadn't. Which, considering the fact that Jerrems had paid for it, would have been exceedingly improper.

Jerrems' sisters came the following week. They not only came and saw the Omega Psi's, but they saw and conquered the whole of our college. I've seen girls who were dragged from driving to tennis, and from that to some other diversion during their stay in town. Girls whose "prom." card was twice filled before the glee club concert was fairly begun—they always have the prom. and the glee club concert on the same night—but I never saw any that cut such a wide swath as Jerrems' sisters did, and best of it all was, they deserved it. Better still, they were loyal to their brother's fraternity, and we Omega Psi's, base deceivers that we were, were the favored ones.

We all went down to meet them at the hotel the first evening, Jerrems filing the ten of us into the parlor and presenting us one at a time. I never paid much attention to girls before that evening when he introduced me to his sister Olive. The photograph hadn't half done her justice. She was one of those girls about whom my freshman chum, who regarded every French expression as an opportunity for a pun, used to say that her "tootin scramble" was immense.

We had drilled ourselves pretty well, and displayed our red and blue button hole decorations ostentatiously. I heard Melville shamelessly remark as he pinned his upon the oldest Miss Jerrems with his college pennant—he prided himself upon not giving away his college pins to girls, too—"Yes, we of Omega Psi have heard so much about you all from Jerrems that we've been begging him to write you to come on ever since we initiated him."

Jerrems was just a bit anxious at first, but when he saw how things were going he came out of his shell, and was the merriest of the party, insisting that "the girls" should have frequent illustrations of the grip. This last I thought a rather dangerous proceeding.

Olive asked me about our chapter house once, and it sort of staggered me, for I had not the heart to lie into that pair of brown eyes, until the Theta Kappa man who was helping me entertain her calmly assured her that our alumni were building us one on the campus. He showed her the foundations of his own chapter house when we drove past the next day, and she was delighted with it. He was an awful liar.



They stayed over a week, and the Omega Psi's were at the station in a body to see them off. The quantity of flowers and candy those girls carried away with them was something appalling. I had a five-minute farewell with Olive in one corner of the station all by myself, and I felt pretty bad over some things she said to me, but when Mrs. Jerrems told me—I was the only senior in the crowd—almost with tears in her eyes, how much she thanked us all for being so good to her boy and making his college life so pleasant, I couldn't help feeling like a low-down hypocrite.

This only lasted a week, though; then Jerrems joined our fraternity.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

## A COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.

At the close of each college year, pregnant with so many important changes and new arrangements of the kaleidoscopic panorama of life, students are regaled with the choicest advice from tried and experienced men who have fought the battle of life before them. This custom of making addresses is contagious, and newspapers, magazines and the humorous journals of the day devote much space in June to the graduate, sometimes giving timely warnings, and sometimes giving a bitter foretaste of the world's harsh treatment of the college man, in sarcasm and ridicule of the presumably high pretension of those who have newly obtained their diplomas and high sounding titles.

The Editor of the PALM also feels this impulse to unbosom himself to the graduate, but his feeling is a kindly one, and his desire is to be helpful, rather than to convey an impression of superior wisdom. He feels that a fraternity should have a message to deliver to those who have left behind forever the splendid opportunities, the congenial companionships and the pleasant experiences of college life. A fraternity is helpful to a man during his undergraduate years, or it has no excuse for existence; and there is no reason why it should not be even more beneficially helpful in active life. We are firmly convinced that it often is so, and we desire to offer some random remarks on this and kindred topics, which may well be mentioned in this connection, without trespassing, in any way, on the province of the Worthy Grand Chief, whose address should be carefully read and considered by all.

It is assumed that every man has some ambition, or some aim in life, toward the accomplishment of which he desires to direct his best efforts. If not, words of advice are wasted on him, and it is best to leave him to the tender mercies of the world, a rough schoolmaster, but, after all, the best.

Most young men are anxious to justify the confidence and hopes of their parents in giving them a college education. Very

often they strike out from home to pursue some other calling than that of their father, and we believe that to this class of young men especially, membership in a good fraternity is of great benefit.

This is most true of those who locate in large cities. They will find that membership in a fraternity alumni association can help them in many ways. They will find that they have many interests in common with the older members, and that the latter can and will assist them very much. We know of many instances in which older brothers have reached a helping hand to their younger fellows. At any rate, the introduction afforded by fraternity membership is often very helpful. Alumni associations also keep alive the spirit of college days, and make the life of the graduate far more pleasant than it would be without them.

We would, therefore, urge all fraternity men, after leaving active chapter life, to join an alumni association if one exists in their locality, or form one if necessary.

The advancement of college graduates in many lines of work is much less rapid than formerly and every advantage counts. This is due, very largely, to the fact that college education is now the rule, rather than the exception, so that it confers no certain advantage over competitors. We have witnessed the slow progress of many able college graduates, and know whereof we speak. They are compelled to begin at the foot of the ladder, almost on a par with the office boy. In fact, we have known many young law students who would gladly undertake this class of work to get a start. We have known college men to work early and late at the hardest kind of manual labor, where there was no possible chance to utilize the advanced knowledge acquired at college. They are often compelled to work in subordination to ignorant and narrow-minded men. The humiliation is, however, not without its benefits. The discipline is stern, but necessary, and it is the crowning glory of American manhood that these young men, bred often in luxury, and accustomed at college to the best of everything, do not shirk, but plunge boldly in, and, with soiled hands and clothes, *earn* their way to the front, to find success in the end, the sweeter, on account of the self-sacrifice and self-denials which it demanded. The American doctrine is that all forms of helpful effort are of equal worth and equal dignity. The literary man or the clergyman is not *per se* one whit better than the machinist or the draughtsman. Each may be the highest type of man, or the lowest. One sphere is

as good as another. The true distinction is in the spirit with which the work is done, whatever its character. This is the doctrine of the highest type of social life and religion alike. Therefore, go at your work, whatever it may be, as if it were the most dignified task on earth, insist on your manhood, and never doubt your final success. That will come, if you are a true man, as inevitably as harvest follows sowing, or age follows youth.

In the face of the stern realities of life, the graduate may well pause and re-estimate the worth of things, and adjust himself to his new environment. At such a time, unless his experience has been most unusual, he will realize, as never before, the sterling worth of the principles and teachings of his fraternity. He will note the remarkable symmetry of the system and feel the weight of his debt to old Alpha Tau Omega. A tried and trusty friend, like a tried and trusty blade, is not lightly thrown aside, and he will continue his loyalty to his chosen fraternity. His membership in her ranks proves him a chosen man, and imposes duties which he cannot consistently shun. As an Alpha Tau he must be a man in the full sense of the word. After all, the best help given by a fraternity is in the cultivation of high ideals.

Our message then is simply this:

BE AN ALPHA TAU ALWAYS AND EVERYWHERE, AND YOU NEED  
FEAR NO FAILURE.

Remember that the fraternity exists solely for the good of its members, that it wants to help you and be proud of you, and that you have the best wishes of Alpha Tau Omega with you always. Your conscience will dictate the duties you owe in return.

## THE ANNUAL MICHIGAN CONVENTION.

The sixth annual convention and banquet of the Michigan Chapters of Alpha Tau Omega was held May 3rd and 4th at Hillsdale, Mich., being entertained by Beta Kappa Chapter in a most superb manner.

This convention is an event in each school year to which the "Taus" look forward with much anticipation, and as the chapters are conveniently located to each other, a large delegation always assembles to do honor to the occasion. Beta Kappa is very pleasantly located in a cozy chapter house, which served as a rendezvous for the boys during their visit.

At four o'clock of the first day we were tendered a reception by Miss Abbie Brown at her delightful home on S. West Street. The darkened rooms, gay with floral decorations, and lively guests made an enjoyable sight. It was here that we first saw the fair damsels about whom we had so long conjectured. To our delight, from now on our enjoyment was assured. Those Hillsdale girls—their charm, their beauty, those eyes! Our hopes were realized.

The banquet was held at Hotel Keefer, whose proprietor seems to understand well what a college student likes in the line of a "good time." Just before we went to the dining-room a short program was carried out.

Vocal Solo.....	Miss Genevieve Lyon
Welcome.....	Rev. J. C. Smith, Beta Kappa
Response.....	Charles Smith, Beta Omicron
Vocal Solo.....	Miss Lelia Smith

Smiths seemed to predominate. We wondered where the Joneses were to hold the balance of power.

A fine banquet, well served, was followed by the toasts, all of which showed thoughtful preparation, full of wit and wisdom. Responses as follows:

The Greek in the World.....	E. A. Thornton
Our "Leg Pullers".....	H. Addis Leeson
Behind the Scenes.....	C. A. Langworthy
The Maiden Fair.....	J. H. Cornelius
The Elder Brothers.....	E. P. Lyon



These were followed by several informal toasts. Eighty-four guests enjoyed this evening, which all too soon began to fade into the morning hours. The one regret was that more of our grand officers could not have been with us.

On Saturday A. M., an interesting business session was held. The invitation of Albion Beta Omicron was accepted for next year's convention. Thus ended a signal day for Mich. A. T. O.'s. Would that every state might have just such reunions!

H. A. LEESON,  
Sec'y of Convention.

## FROM THE WORTHY GRAND CHIEF.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8th, 1895.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FRATERNITY THROUGH THE PALM:

DEAR BROTHERS:

I cannot allow this the last issue of the PALM for the college year to reach you, without taking advantage of addressing you, assembled as we are together for the last time this year.

Many familiar and beloved faces in our old chapter will leave us this year, to enter upon the "calm pursuits of business life or in pleasure's gay throng;" to such, we wish God's blessing and an Alpha Tau's success.

In leaving your chapter, remember that you have the possibility of two roads before you.

*First:* Affiliation with a chapter, if you take a postgraduate course.

*Second:* Membership in an alumni association, if you are entirely removed from college life. As to the first, closely affiliate with a chapter, if one exists at your college, and work as faithfully in it as you did in your old one, and, if there be no chapter at the college or university, advise with the proper officers as to placing one there if the field is a good one.

In the second place, as to that large number who will not pursue a student's life, but will join the ranks of A. T. O. Alumni; let not such imagine that their work for the fraternity has ceased. Alumni associations abound in nearly every state; keep in close touch with such associations.

From practical experience I can assure you that the full realization of fraternity privilege comes after we have joined the alumni. Then it is that we miss and long for the good old days that have passed, and with increased ardor greet a wearer of the Maltese cross. Remember that the strength of a college or university depends not upon the faculty or student body, but upon its alumni, and the same is true of our fraternity. In your chapter you worked, comparatively speaking, in narrow limits, seeing the same brothers day by day; now you enter a broader field, where you will meet men from all sections, representative men of the best colleges in the country. In other words, you enter upon a *fuller* fraternity life.

I would, by all means, urge every alumnus to subscribe to the PALM, even if some sacrifice were necessary. I would go even farther and say: it is the duty of every alumnus to contribute occasionally to the PALM. The fraternity wants to know what each of its members is doing, and his whereabouts, and it is entitled to the result of his experience and observation. Let me remind you that there will be a reunion of your chapters, as well as the fraternity, in Cleveland, Ohio, December, 1896. Be there and give us in person the benefit of this broader experience.

To you who will return to your chapter hall, I shall look for much, during the coming year. It is my intention not only to interest each chapter in some especial work, but every member of the chapter. Many chapters will have lost brothers who were the chief workers and organizers, those who return may fear the greater responsibility which is thereby imposed upon them; do not allow such feelings to arise. You may be young in your chapter, but remember the responsibility which rests upon you and such losses will be easily supplied. There is one especial piece of work which I should like to impress upon the chapters and more especially the W. K. A., and that is, your chapter records. In many cases, they have been carelessly kept. Could you not arrange to have them put in good condition during this vacation and also complete your membership list, from its organization? This will not only prove of much interest to your alumni, but will greatly assist our W. G. K. A. in his arduous work. Do this for me this summer.

I am glad to report that the valuable records of Va. Alpha and Va. Beta have been secured by me, through a member of the Va. Beta Chapter, and that they are now in the hands of the W. G. K. A. I only trust that in the future more attention will be given to chapter annals. See that a copy of your yearly report is preserved in this connection.

I would suggest a scrap book, which might also contain anything relating to your chapter or fraternity. I congratulate you all upon your splendid reports, which I have received, and I shall expect every hope expressed in these reports to be realized when you reassemble in the fall. With the best wishes to the general officers of the fraternity and each active and alumni member,

I remain most affectionately and fraternally,

LARKIN W. GLAZEBROOK, W. G. C.

## EDITORIALS.

BY AN UNFORTUNATE ERROR, WHICH IS BEYOND EXPLANATION, AS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE NOW TO DETERMINE BY WHOM IT WAS COMMITTED, THE GROUP PICTURE OPPOSITE PAGE 158 IN THE LAST PALM WAS LABELED PENN. ALPHA UPSILON, WHEN IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PENN. ALPHA IOTA. IT WAS DISCOVERED TOO LATE FOR CORRECTION, AND WE MUST ASK EACH SUBSCRIBER TO CORRECT THE MISTAKE FOR HIMSELF. WE MOST SINCERELY REGRET THE OCCURRENCE.

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We note that considerable confusion has occasionally been caused by the fact that the volumes of the PALM do not run with the college year, but the last number of the volume appears in the early fall, instead of in June or July. This is due largely to the circumstances attending the publication of the first number of the magazine. No. 1 of Vol. I. appeared in December, 1880, and No. 5 of that volume appeared in November, 1881. It was the publication of five numbers in the first volume, instead of four, as subsequently, which caused the first volume to overlap the college year during which the initial number appeared. Then No. 1 of Vol. II. appeared in March, 1882, and Nos. 2, 3 and 4 appeared in June, October and December respectively, of that year. This arrangement caused the first number of each volume to appear in March or April, and the last, in December, and is, obviously, not the best that could be conceived for the purpose.

When Bro. W. T. Daniel, in 1889, succeeded Bro. C. W. Baker as editor, he changed the dates of publication, so that the first number of Vol. IX. appeared in January of that year, and the last, in October. This arrangement continued during his management of the PALM. His successor, Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, published five numbers during the year 1891, so that the last number of Vol. XI. appeared in October, 1891, and the first number of Vol. XII. in the succeeding month, and No. 4 of Vol. XII. bears date August, 1892. Here was a straightening out of



the tangle, but it was not taken advantage of, and the dates of publication are still a source of inconvenience to the W. K. E.'s and W. K. A.'s, and one of the Pennsylvania chapters has arranged that the subscriptions of its members shall date from the fourth number of the volume, instead of the first. This avoids the injustice of compelling brothers who graduate to pay for a number (No. 4) which they do not always receive, owing, it must be said, to their own failure to furnish their address to the Editor or chapter correspondent.

In view of these facts, and because we believe the best arrangement for all concerned is to have the volumes of the PALM begin and end with the college year, we shall endeavor to make a change in the dates of publication next year, by publishing a number in September or October, probably the latter, and then another in December, which will be No. 1 of Vol. XV. Then No. 2 will appear in February, 1896; No. 3 in March or April, and No. 4 in July, 1896.

We adopt this arrangement because we believe it is the best and most convenient for all concerned, and seems to be desired by many of the chapters.

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Owing to the failure of certain subscribers to pay dues for the last three volumes, we have removed their names from our mailing list, as we do not think that such dilatoriness should be tolerated. The PALM must be run on a business basis, just the same as any other magazine, and there must be no discrimination among subscribers. So we have cut off from our list the names of about sixty brothers, whose indebtedness to the PALM amounts to fully \$250. Taking this amount together with losses occasioned by the dissolution of chapters, we can figure up bad debts to the extent of fully \$400, since our connection with the PALM, which to some might seem a sad commentary on fraternity spirit.

Doubtless, names of brothers sometimes are placed on the PALM mailing list without their direction or desire, but neglect to advise the editor of this fact for several years, should act as an estoppel to deny responsibility for the payment of subscriptions for volumes received. But we prefer to cancel names, rather than raise the point of moral and legal liability. We have no intention to thrust the PALM upon any unwilling alumnus, although



we regret to note the small number of names on our list. We have endeavored in every way possible to invite subscriptions from every wearer of the Maltese Cross, and are grateful to those who have given a loyal response. The PALM does not reach the others, and so it would be idle to address them here. They have our sympathy, because they do not seem to realize how much they miss by not keeping in touch with the best fraternity on earth.

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Last year not a dozen annual chapter reports reached the PALM. The contrast this year is encouraging. We have received twenty-four splendid reports, to which considerable time has evidently been devoted. It is possible that other chapters have complied with the requirement in this regard, but their reports have not reached the editor, or have possibly been mislaid. Only the following chapters have been heard from by us: Ala. Alpha Epsilon, Ala. Beta Beta, Ala. Beta Delta, Cala. Beta Psi, Ga. Alpha Beta, Ga. Beta Iota, Ills. Gamma Zeta, Ind. Gamma Gamma, Me. Beta Upsilon, Mich. Alpha Mu, Mich. Beta Omicron, N. Y. Alpha Omicron, N. Y. Beta Theta, O. Alpha Nu, O. Beta Eta, Penn. Alpha Iota, Penn. Alpha Rho, Penn. Alpha Upsilon, Penn. Tau, Tenn. Alpha Tau, Tenn. Beta Pi, Tenn. Omega, Tex. Gamma Epsilon and Vt. Beta Zeta.

The general compliance with the requirement in regard to annual reports is very gratifying, and an evidence of the proper fraternity spirit. Any chapter which publishes as good a report as the average report of this year needs no investigation. We trust that our failure to receive the reports of other chapters is merely due to oversight and not to a failure to publish.

Maine Beta Upsilon makes a very tasty report and Mich. Alpha Mu, Pa. Alpha Rho and Cala. Beta Psi, give very complete statistics. The reports of Tex. Gamma Epsilon and Ills. Gamma Zeta are further evidence of the strength and vigor of these ambitious Western chapters.

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The college year just closed has been one of the most eventful in the history of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. It has been Congress year, and that means a great deal, because it impresses

on all brothers the real greatness of the fraternity by bringing members of the different chapters together, and having a general settling up of all issues.

The year has also witnessed the establishment of three splendid chapters, one in the East and two in the West. The borders of the fraternity have thus been splendidly extended, and very decided progress made toward the realization of a national fraternity. Brown University, Austin College and the University of Illinois are now proud strongholds of Alpha Tau Omega. May the advance to be made in the coming year be as signal and substantial.

Throughout all the departments of the fraternity there have been manifestations of vigorous life and healthy enthusiasm. There is nothing to indicate that this is spasmodic; all indications are that it will continue and increase; if so, the future holds a glorious history for Alpha Tau Omega.

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September 11th, 1895, will be the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. It is a day which should be marked with appropriate ceremonies by all chapters who shall have assembled by that date. Three decades of the life of our fraternity will then have closed, and their history has been such as may well fill the hearts of all Alpha Taus with pride.

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We call the attention of all our readers to the helpful letter of the Worthy Grand Chief, which appears elsewhere in this number. Read it carefully and heed its admonitions.

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We would urge upon all members of the fraternity to employ, when possible, only those firms or individuals who advertise in the PALM, and to insist that their jewelers and engravers should so advertise. This is a consideration due those who patronize your fraternity magazine, for they contribute very materially to its support. Our readers will note several very reliable and well-known firms who always have an advertisement in the PALM. It is but fair that we should ask our readers, in return, to deal

with them, when possible. You may rely on the reputation of every one of our advertisers.

On the other hand, there are firms who deal very largely with the fraternity, who absolutely refuse to entertain an advertising proposition. This is simply because certain chapters continue to patronize them, and they see nothing to gain by advertising. If, however, every chapter would bring its influence to bear in favor of the PALM, quite a large amount of financial support might be derived from advertising. Please help us in this way. By doing so, you will help yourselves, because you will be helping the PALM very materially.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Whereas, it has pleased the Worthy Grand Master of the Universe in His infinite wisdom to call into His great presence chamber our beloved Brother, Henry S. Neff, be it

Resolved by the Alpha Iota Chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, That by the death of Brother Henry S. Neff, the Fraternity at Large has lost a true and loyal brother, one who was ever constant to her principles and always imbued with the true spirit of Alpha Tau Omega;

That in his sudden and deplorable demise Penn. Alpha Iota has been deprived of an alumnus who ever had her best interests at heart, who through sorrow and adversity struggled to advance her cause, and though the chapter was sunk in the depths of despair, still remained loyal to her, and when success crowned her efforts rejoiced to share her prosperity and the happy issue of her tribulations. And be it further

Resolved, That in this time of affliction and sorrow we extend to his doubly-bereaved parents our heartfelt sympathies upon the loss of one who, though separated from us by time and space, we ever held in the fondest regard, and even death can do naught but hallow our tender affection for him. And be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his parents, be placed upon our minutes and published in the PALM; that our hall and charter be draped for the period of thirty days, and that the brethren wear their badges in mourning for the same length of time.

JEREMIAH J. SCHINDEL, W. M.

ALFRED J. YOST, M. D.

LEO WISE, Esq.

Committee.

Adopted June 25, A. D. 1895.



## OBITER DICTA.

No good history of Alpha Tau Omega is extant, and, as time passes and the list of living brothers who were active in the fraternity's earliest days, grows less and less, such a history becomes more and more a desideratum. The standard work on college fraternities does Alpha Tau scant justice, and, necessarily, in a book which pretends to cover the whole field of fraternity history, the account given each organization is somewhat meager. The editor of the PALM has been very anxious and has made many efforts to bridge the chasm in our history between the earliest days and the present, and we are glad to say that there is a strong probability that we shall have some very interesting reminiscences to offer our readers soon. We are very largely indebted to Bro. Joseph R. Anderson, of Va. Alpha, the founder of the PALM, for his efforts to obtain material. As soon as his health will permit, we expect to be favored with his personal reminiscences, and he has also obtained the consent of other well known brothers to favor us in a similar manner. Among them is Bro. G. Watson Archer, of Hygiene, Col., who has written us a very cordial letter, promising an early communication.

This renewed interest on the part of the early members of the fraternity is very gratifying indeed, because it is a very strong evidence of the sterling worth of the principles on which our beloved order is founded. They are principles whose truth grows clearer and more apparent with advancing years, and life-long devotion to the order of the Maltese Cross is the rule, not the exception.

Nearly three decades have passed since its foundation and yet the loyalty of our oldest brothers is still undimmed. In their declining years their fraternity and its splendid associations is a comfort to them, growing steadily dearer and dearer. The record of their early experiences will prove an inspiration to the younger members. Let us have them without stint, brothers of the sixties and seventies. The pages of the PALM are open for you. Your words will be treasured and will prove most helpful for us all.



The dearth of material regarding the early days of our fraternity, referred to above, is readily explained. Our history dates from the year 1865, and the first number of the PALM appeared fifteen years later. Such is the intimate relation between the magazine and the fraternity that since Bro. Joseph R. Anderson, stanchest of fraternity men, published the first PALM, the history of our order is written with as much fullness as could be desired, and it is only of the earlier days that the records are not full. Let the brothers whose minds are full tell us of our first fifteen years of life, from 1865 to 1880; the last fifteen, from 1880 to 1895, are written in the pages of the PALM.

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Bro. Frank Colvin, of Ohio Beta Mu, who now writes "Rev." before his name, being a graduate of the McCormick Theological Seminary, of Chicago, and who is now doing splendid work as a pastor at Auburn, Ind., was the originator of the scheme of requiring chapters to prepare an annual report for distribution within the fraternity. It was proposed at the Richmond Congress, and met with hearty approval; and has never been better carried out than this year.

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Bro. John C. Pugh, of Gadsden, Ala., still insists that congresses should be held during the summer months, instead of in the winter, and has promised us an article in favor of a change. The inclement weather at Washington last December, and at Nashville in 1892, was certainly a strong argument in favor of his position.

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An interesting article by H. S. Bunting, which originally appeared in the *Chicago Times*, entitled "Ten Years of Trojan Conquest," has been going the rounds of the fraternity press, and has been variously criticised. The following clipping is of interest to our readers:

"Individualities have been marked in the progress of Southern Fraternities North. A. T. O. took the first step in 1882. Since that time the frat. has made berths for itself in the Middle States and East, in numerous instances with marked success. At Ohio Wesleyan, Muhlenburg, Wittenburg, Marietta, Albion, Adrian,

Hillsdale, Mt. Union and Ohio State University, the Fraternity has taken good growth. A. T. O. seems, however, to have proven too tender for the West. It has taken no root in any State as far west as the Mississippi River, except in the one instance of California. A Chapter at an Oregon agricultural school died in the bud. An attempt to woo the University of Arkansas gave a dead Chapter with four men. A Chapter at Simpson College, Iowa, after an experiment, became alienated from the Fraternity and sent in its charter. The establishment at Ann Arbor died out in three years. In fact, the frontier Chapter of A. T. O. on the west, excepting California, is now at Rose Polytechnic Institute at Terre Haute. It was published several years ago that the Fraternity had decided to put two Chapters in Colorado, but they never materialized. Honorable achievement in the East, however, has been scored at Tufts, Cornell, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, Vermont and at Colby. A late establishment is reported by A. T. O. at Brown."

There is a large amount of truth in these statements, but the strength of our chapters subsequently established at Austin College and the University of Illinois and the very gratifying growth of the Stanford chapter during the past year go far to disprove any inference that Alpha Tau Omega is not adapted to the requirements of Western extension.

The closing paragraphs of the article are worth quoting:

"Another decade will witness changes. The race, as on the windy plains of Troy, will still be to the swift. The Greeks that sit idle will neither win garlands nor rejoice in the deeds of the generation before them. They will be left behind. But the Fraternities which a decade ago counseled upon national extension now give indications that they are satisfied. They seem proud of what has been wrought and ready to quit outspreading. As a class, they are turning to internal development with the same enthusiasm that cradled erstwhile the cause of territorial growth. This work will largely supplant, if it does not exclude altogether, further extension.

"The coming decade, therefore, will witness a further progression of this 'shifting relativity' among Greeks. It may prove as marked as in the past decade. To apply Uncle Remus' knowledge to the situation, as the world goes round and round, some will go up and some go down. But progress will be along the line of centralization, upbuilding, rather than growth by accretion."

Resuming the subject of lost badges, we have an item which will, no doubt, prove of interest to the members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, although somewhat humiliating.

Bro. H. Walter Booth, ex-W. G. K. A., writes that he recently saw a negro wearing the diamond badge of D. K. E. In spite of a statement in a recent number of the *Kappa Alpha Journal* to the effect that the PALM was seriously discussing the eligibility of negroes to membership in our fraternity, Brother Booth knew that no Greek letter fraternity failed to draw the color line, and that no D. K. E. would be likely to drive a hack. So he bought the badge for a dollar, thinking he might be able to restore it to the owner. On the back of the pin is engraved, "S. P. Spencer, Yale, '84." The owner of the pin or any member of Delta Kappa Epsilon who is interested in keeping the badge off negroes should communicate with H. Walter Booth, Galt House, Louisville, Ky.

## CHAPTER LETTERS.

The last chapter letter was received July 10th. So do not consider this number late.

Answer all communications from Grand Officers at once.

You must have a letter in each number of the PALM. Note the \$5.00 fine provided at Congress. It should contain all the news, but must be condensed as much as possible, on account of the large number of chapters.

Owing to the large number of chapters, chapter letters must not exceed 500 words. Bear this in mind. Never write on both sides of the sheet for publication. Such matter must be rewritten before the printer will set it up.

Punctuate carefully, and write plainly. Be very particular about making the spelling of names legible.

Send in all the personals and clippings you can, separate from your chapter letter.

Follow the form of heading of letters as they appear in the PALM, giving merely the name of chapter, college and town. Dates and all other superfluous matter should be omitted. An observance of this rule will save the editor much time.

See that your chapter's PALM dues are paid promptly in advance, for each active member. Every active member must subscribe for the PALM. This requirement must be strictly complied with. The next number will appear in the month of October, if possible, and chapter correspondents should send their letters so as to reach the editor by Sept. 25th at the latest.

Be a little careful about the use of superlatives and general boastfulness. Be enthusiastic, but not bombastic. Your fraternity is the best there is, and she does not need constant strained panegyrics. The men who write them very often fail to pay subscriptions after they leave college.

Be honest; be fair; be manly—in short, be an Alpha Tau in the full sense of the noble meaning of the name.



## ALA. ALPHA EPSILON, ALA. POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, AUBURN.

Since our last letter, fraternity matters have been keeping the even tenor of their way; it is a noticeable fact that there is no strife between the different chapters here. Six fraternities have chapters established at Auburn: Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Alpha, Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Theta, and a few months ago Pi Kappa Alpha established a chapter here.

During the last few days chapter reports have been coming in thick and fast. A short time since we received a letter from Texas Gamma Epsilon. I hope every Alpha Tau has the same feeling in his heart. Allow me to quote a passage from this letter: "And it will be our endeavor, not only to wear the Maltese Cross on our breasts, but also the principles of everlasting loyalty in our hearts." We feel confident that this, our new chapter in the Lone Star state, will ever be prosperous and true.

During the past foot-ball season Brother Bickerstaff held down right end, and Brothers Mixon and Thomas did good work on the "Scrub." On field day Brother Jennings won the gold medal for running broad jump, going 19 feet 3 inches. With the close of this season we will lose two noble brothers, Bickerstaff and Jennings, and we wish them well in their battle of life. It was with sorrow that we parted with Brother George Doan Bomp, who, having received the appointment to West Point from St. Louis district, left us to prepare for entrance examinations. With him go Alpha Epsilon's best wishes for a happy and prosperous career.

We are now in the midst of third term examinations and soon commencement will be over and we must leave these college halls and part with many of our dear friends, but in our going away, let us ever keep before us the noble principles we have learned under the guidance of Alpha Tau Omega, so that at last we may enter through the pearly gates and part no more forever. Alpha Epsilon extends best wishes for a happy vacation.

ANDREW H. MILSTEAD, Correspondent.

## ALABAMA BETA BETA CHAPTER, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, GREENSBORO.

As we write this letter we have a feeling of mingled joy and sadness, glad because our session's work is ended, but sad because our little happy home had to be divided.

Reviewing the past session's work, Beta Beta looks upon her sons with some degree of pride. Truly, we have not accomplished as much for her as we might, yet we have kept our old position in the front ranks.

For the past nine months we have suffered very much in a finan-



cial way; but it affords us much pleasure to inform the fraternity that the night has passed away, and once again the star of Hope is shedding its gentle rays upon Beta Beta's pathway.

Our commencement was a very successful occasion, the exercises were well attended, and much enthusiasm was exhibited for the Old School among the visitors.

We have four Greek letter fraternities here, and among all the alumni who returned to visit their alma mater, Beta Beta had more than all the other fraternities combined. The future will tell of the zeal, enthusiasm and inspiration which we received from our older brothers.

As we gazed into their faces and saw still burning brightly in their eyes the principles of our fraternity, a new impulse took possession of our souls, and we determined that, God being our helper, we would be nobler Alpha Taus.

Our banquet was a grand success. It was arranged by one of our most loyal girls and served at the palatial residence of one of Alabama's most honored sons. Bro. T. K. Roberts of last year's chapter represented the alumni in an address. It is enough to say they were represented in magnificent style.

On Monday evening we assembled in our hall, which has just been papered and fixed up beautifully, for the last time. It seemed a model chapter, as about twenty-six Alpha Taus gathered around the altar to declare their love for Beta Beta, and the fraternity at large.

Beta Beta loses in the following brothers, four of her most loyal sons: Bros. J. A. J. Brock, B. F. Marshall, W. H. Hawkins and F. H. Watkins, all of whom took their degrees with honor. As they left us we began to wonder what we would do next year. But with our old war horse, Brother Lagrone, in the lead, we have no fears for the chapter of '95 and '96.

We must close, wishing every member of the fraternity a pleasant and beneficial vacation.

GEO. STOVES, Correspondent

ALABAMA BETA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, TUSCALOOSA.

The final examinations have been occupying our time for the last two weeks, and we feel as though we had accomplished a great deal, but now commencement is upon us, and we look forward with extreme pleasure to the day when we shall leave behind us school with all its arduous duties, and shall joyfully pursue our way homeward to receive the greetings of loved ones, and there, forgetting all save the happiest incidents of the past school year, to apply ourselves to the pursuit of pleasure in its varied forms.

We lose three of our best men by graduation this year. They are

Bros. Dewberry, Seay and McConnell. The first two are among the senior orators for commencement. We regret very much to give them up, but we are sure they will continue to reflect credit upon us, and we trust we shall not lose sight of them entirely.

We issued our annual report several weeks ago, and up to date have received reports from quite a number of the chapters. These reports are a source of much interest and pleasure, and we trust that not a single chapter will fail to get them out.

We like the last PALM letter from our California brothers. We wish that we all could write such a letter.

We are pretty sure that if all the chapters were to follow the example of the brothers at Lehigh, the next census would show a wonderful increase in population.

Our officers for next year were elected some time since as follows: Drennen, W. M.; Godfrey, W. C.; Trimble, W. K. E.; Head, W. K. A.; Pickens, W. S.; White, W. U.; Means, W. Sent.

We are happy to report our chapter in a *very good* condition. We are entirely free from debt, and look forward to a most prosperous year next session.

Brothers, we bid you farewell. May each one of you have a most prosperous and happy summer, and amid the pleasures of vacation let us not forget our vows to our loved fraternity, but let each one of us strive continually to make next year such a one for Alpha Tau Omega as she has never seen before.

Look out for Beta Delta next fall. With best wishes for the PALM,  
BLAKE W. GODFREY, Correspondent.

CAL. BETA PSI, LELAND STANFORD, JR., UNIVERSITY, PALO ALTO.

California Beta Psi, since her last communication to the PALM, is in better shape even than before. Her condition, however, will show up plainly in our report, which we are now sending out.

With the out-going class of '95, we part, with much regret, with Brothers Buxton and Grosh, who have been the mainstays of the chapter ever since its foundation, but whose places we hope to fill with good and sturdy men soon. Brother Buxton goes back to his home in Ohio, and Brother Grosh accepts a position as a mining engineer.

Next fall we hope to be in a chapter house, and will start in the year with Brothers Hicks, Jost, Painter, Code, Bannister, Ray and myself. Mr. Ray is a new man, having been taken in only two weeks since, and so we take this opportunity to introduce him to the fraternity. We have pledged some good men, among them Mark S. Porter, of Chicago, and next fall, with the usual help and coöperation of Brothers Young and Fish, of the faculty, we hope to commence a most successful year.

WILLIAM A. GRAHAM.

## GA. BETA IOTA, GA. SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY, ATLANTA.

Since our last letter in the PALM and also since our annual report was published, we have taken into the ranks of the Alpha Taus Bro. J. J. Jones, of McPherson, Ga. Brother Jones has been one of the most enthusiastic athletes of the base-ball season and we may truthfully say that, without his able assistance as pitcher, the team would have been at a loss.

We take pleasure in announcing to the brothers that O. J. Lucas, adjunct professor in mathematics at this school, and late of Charleston, S. C., has been affiliated as a member of this chapter.

Beta Iota loses three loyal and enthusiastic Alpha Tau Omegas by graduation, Brothers McCall, Jessop and Clark, but there will be at least eleven hard workers here at the beginning of next year, who will see that the Maltese Cross stands second to none.

Beta Iota again wishes to extend to the brothers who may visit the city during the exposition, a hearty welcome, and she will extend any courtesies in her power to the visiting brothers.

Atlanta is full of Alpha Tau Omegas; so, when you come, wear the badge of the grandest fraternity now in existence and keep your eyes open for the same on others. Fraternally,

WALT. DEVEREUX NASH, Correspondent.

## GA. ALPHA ZETA, MERCER UNIVERSITY, MACON.

The close of the year is now upon us, and Georgia Alpha Zeta desires to send out her best wishes to her sister chapters. Along the lines of prosperity we have not reached the high rank that has been maintained in our chapter heretofore. But we have had to contend with difficulties that were seemingly enough to destroy us, and we are much encouraged at our having withstood them.

Our season closes with only four names: N. W. Hurst, '95, M. H. Massey, '95, H. O. Glass, '97, and H. R. Johnson, 97. We have not had the number of men that we have had for many years, but next year bids fair to be a more prosperous one with us in every respect. This is not the first time, however, that Alpha Zeta has been so reduced in numbers, and we sincerely hope this will be the last time that we will be so diminished in numbers.

In college honors we have not been entirely blocked out. Bro. Milo H. Massey was this year anniversarian from the Phi Delta Literary Society and is honored with a senior speaker's place. Bro. W. W. Hurst was elected class poet, and on the evening of the class exercises he presented his brilliant poem. Bro. H. E. Glass is a member of the ball team, and the success of Mercer team this year is partly due to his ability along this line. He is also a member of the

Mercer Orchestra. This is one feature in the college that we are all proud of, to say the least.

There will be only two to return to look after the interests of Alpha Zeta next year: Bros. Glass and Johnson. We have several men in mind that are coming to Mercer next year and we can get them, and, in short, the present outlook for next year is very encouraging. It is a pretty difficult matter for six fraternities to maintain subsistence from one hundred and twenty-five men. We earnestly seek the good will of all the chapters. Success to the PALM. Fraternally submitted,

H. R. JOHNSON, Correspondent.

ILLINOIS GAMMA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN.

The date of this letter finds the brothers of this chapter scattered over the various states; the university having closed the year on June 12th.

Two have abandoned cap and gown with the class of '95: Brother Hoag (not finally initiated) taking the degree of B. A. in the College of Literature, and Brother Noble taking the degree of B. S. in the College of Engineering.

Brother Hoag will study law and Brother Noble will continue the study of Architecture.

New and elegant rooms have been secured for next year and will compare favorably with any in town, when finished.

Among recent chapter honors we note the following: Brother Branch, elected manager of track team; Brother Greime, elected secretary of Athletic Association; Brother Noble recommended to secretary of war, for proficiency in military science, and commissioned brevet captain I. N. G. by Governor Altgeld. Brother Hay's broken record was also noticeable for a time and, we are told, was quite painful, for the break was in his shoulder.

The officers for next term are as follows:

Bro. W. T. Sumner, W. M.; E. C. Flanigan, W. C.; H. W. Greime, W. K. E.; C. O. Pitney, W. K. A.; J. C. Beekman, W. S.; J. M. Branch, W. S. C.; P. W. Newcomer, W. U.

The past year has been a prosperous one for the university in all ways:

Four hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$420,000) was appropriated for her use by the last legislature. A new building has just been completed, another is under way, a one hundred and fifty thousand dollar (\$150,000) library and a twenty thousand dollar (\$20,000) observatory will soon be added; these facts, with the steady increase in attendance, indicate a healthy growth, which Gamma Zeta will share in by securing as brothers the flower of the attendance in future years.

CHARLES W. NOBLE, Acting Correspondent.



## IND. GAMMA GAMMA, ROSE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, TERRE HAUTE.

It is with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret that we look forward to the coming vacation, the close of another successful year. We lose by graduation Brothers Troxler, Speed and Mundy, of Louisville, and Brother Shaneberger, of Indianapolis; the former three charter members of the chapter. These are our first alumni and it is the loss from our midst of such men, whom in our closer relationship we have learned to know and love, that tinges our anticipation of the summer's pleasures with a shade of regret.

We have still enrolled, however, ten active, whole-souled Alpha Tau Omegas, who will carry on the work next fall and push to the goal the one object whose attainment we are bent upon, viz., a chapter house.

At the regular semi-annual election the following officers were chosen: Worthy Master, Brother F. E. Smith; Worthy Chaplain, Bro. W. L. Decker; Worthy Scribe, Bro. Jno. T. Montgomery; Worthy Usher, Bro. F. G. Hunt; Worthy Sentinel, Bro. J. D. Ingle; Worthy Keeper of Exchequer, Bro. C.H. Fry; Worthy Keeper of Annals, Bro. W. R. Sanborn; PALM Correspondent, Bro. G. Willins.

Indiana Gamma Gamma sends to her sister chapters best wishes of an equally successful year and a jolly vacation.

H. T. LIGGETT, Correspondent.

## LA. BETA EPSILON, TULANE UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS.

Beta Epsilon has just completed another prosperous year, during which she has had an active membership of seventeen and several "active" alumni brothers to look to her welfare. Of this active membership eleven will surely return to college at the opening of next session, and two more will very probably join that number. Severe losses were sustained during the year by the withdrawal from college of five active brothers. Bros. Henry and Wm. Leverich withdrew upon the death of their father, Bro. James Martin left Tulane for the University of Virginia, Bro. Y. Taylor Wood embarked in commercial life, and Bro. Jno. D. Minor was compelled to retire on account of sickness.

Bro. Ned Rightor, Alpha Tau's only graduate for '95, and Bro. Allen Eustis of '96 will study law at the University of Virginia during the summer. Bro. Joe Elliott, formerly of '95, will very probably join them.

Brother Rightor was master of ceremonies at '95's "Class Day Exercises."

Bro. Gervais Lombard was married to Miss Harriet L. Fuqua on June 4th. The account may be seen elsewhere.



Beta Epsilon introduces to the Alpha Tau world three new brothers: Bros. Charley Eshleman, W. L. and L. R. DeBuys, who were made acquainted with His Lordship William quite recently.

A very fine set of paraphernalia is gradually being accumulated and we hope to have it complete by the re-opening of college.

At the last meeting the following officers were elected: Bro. James O. Nixon, W. M.; Bro. Chas. Burthe, W. S.; Bro. Jas. Butler, W. C.; Bro. Huger Elliott, W. K. E.; Bro. Jas. DeBuys, W. S.; Bro. Henry Chaffe, W. U., and Bro. R. E. DeBuys, Cor.

With best wishes to all sister chapters Beta Epsilon ends '94-'95.

R. E. DEBUYS, Correspondent.

ME. GAMMA ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY, WATERVILLE.

In my last communication to you I promised a more newsy letter this time. The school year is drawing to a close. This will be the last letter to the PALM until we reassemble in the fall. We have just issued our third annual report of Gamma Alpha and it will be sent to the sister chapters. But I shall, I hope, be pardoned if I review to some extent the report, for the benefit of those alumni brothers who can learn of us only through the columns of the PALM.

We are fortunate in losing but one member this year by graduation, Brother Waterhouse, historian of '95 and our representative on the *Oracle* staff; he has been a hard and earnest worker for the chapter throughout his college course, and his loss will be deeply felt.

We have here a wide-awake, enthusiastic band of fourteen active members and two good men pledged for the coming year.

In base-ball Brother Burton has won the best individual record as an all-round player in the history of Colby.

We boast of having in Brother Clement the fastest long-distance runner that can be found in any Maine college. He also represents '97 on the college senate. Brother Williams is president of '97. Brother Cross is secretary of our College Republican Club, while Brother Allen is historian of '98.

Brothers Curtis and Long have been obliged to leave college on account of sickness, but will return next fall. Brother Stuart, who has been sick for several weeks, is now able to be with us again.

We are always glad to read in the PALM of the flourishing condition of sister chapters.

Our meetings are regularly held and well attended. Many of our brothers have not been absent for the year and two have lost but a single session during their entire course.

We anxiously await the meeting on commencement week, when the alumni brothers will return and be welcomed. Of course we expect all the "Greeks of Alpha Tau Omega" back, for Colby will celebrate her seventy-fifth anniversary.

We have a cozy hall and the chapter is free from debt. With best wishes to sister chapters for a pleasant vacation and to the PALM for a prosperous year,

J. M. PIKE, Correspondent.

N. Y. ALPHA OMICRON, ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY, CANTON.

Alpha Omicron is now at the close of the most prosperous year in her history; her choice of men from the class of '98 was wise, we think, and her noble victories, won through honesty, fill our hearts with pride. By her wise conduct, she has won the respect and esteem of those without her walls, and our aim is to so walk in justice that her fair name may remain untarnished.

We are not much given to sounding our own praises, but this year's career has been so marked with successes that we can not refrain from speaking of them.

The crowning event in our college society of the past year was the "Alpha ball," given last April. Each brother worked with untiring zeal and our pains were well rewarded. It was pronounced by all an event eclipsing all previous attempts of ourselves or rivals. Nor are we unnoticed in athletics. On the base-ball team we are represented by Brothers Giffin, '95, MacCormick, '96, Gamon, '98, and Terry, '98. On our last field day Brother Terry won the 100 yards and 200 yards dash; Brother Harrigan, the heavy throw, and Brother Gamon, the high jumps. On the college annual we are represented by Bro. G. H. Partridge, editor-in-chief, Brother Murray, associate-editor, and Brother Dolan, treasurer.

We have pledged one new man, whom we soon expect to welcome among our members. Much to our regret, we lose Brother Giffin by graduation, for he has been an energetic worker in the cause of Alpha Tau.

Our annual banquet is given June 25th.

Saturday evening, June 8th, the chapter enjoyed a most sumptuous dinner, given by Brother Gamon, after which a few toasts were responded to in true Alpha Tau style.

With this we extend our best wishes to the PALM and all our brothers.

ERNEST ROBINSON, Correspondent.

N. Y. BETA THETA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA.

The college year now drawing to a close has been a very successful and pleasant one for Beta Theta, and the future is indeed bright.

It gives us great pleasure to introduce two new brothers, initiated since our last letter appeared in the PALM: Bro. W. J. Schultz, '96, Law School, of Binghamton, N. Y., and Bro. L. B. Walton, '97, of Bear Lake, Pa.

The class of '95 takes from us five brothers: E. P. Andrews, F. S. Bump, W. R. Eckart, Jr., J. R. Wilson and H. A. Yetter.

Bro. B. S. Cushman, '93, who, since his graduation has held an instructorship in chemistry, will spend the summer studying in Switzerland and Germany.

Bro. E. P. Andrews, '95, has been awarded a traveling fellowship in Greek, and will spend the coming year in the American school at Athens. Bro. W. R. Eckart, Jr., '95, having completed his work for graduation, left April 1st for his home in San Francisco, where he is now interested in the mechanical engineering business with his father.

Bro. E. A. Bentley, '95, has left the university to pursue a course of studies in music.

In base-ball our chapter has been well represented this season; on the 'Varsity by Bro. F. O. Affeld, '96, at third base, and Bro. J. R. Wilson in the out field; on the '97 class team by Bro. B. S. Cottrell, (capt.) and Bro. J. E. Hodgson. The latter was also a member of the athletic team.

Bro. C. D. Clinton, '97, has been elected to the editing staff of the *Cornell Daily Sun*, and Bro. L. B. Walton, '97, to the staff of the *Cornellian* (annual).

Out of thirty picked men from Cornell's musical clubs, Beta Theta claims three: Bro. C. D. Clinton, '97, the Glee club soloist; Bro. J. A. Bailey, '96, of the Guitar club, and Bro. W. C. Truman, '96, of the Mandolin club.

The musical clubs sailed June 19 by the steamer Paris, for England, where they will make a six weeks' concert tour.

Commencement week is upon us and, as always, will be a pleasant one. Quite a number of Alpha Taus will entertain their friends, while the chapter will heartily welcome any who may chance this way.

We expect to return to the university next fall with a working force of sixteen men and hope the year may record even a greater measure of success than has attended our efforts this year.

F. A. BUMP, Correspondent.

#### OHIO ALPHA NU, MT. UNION COLLEGE, ALLIANCE.

On the evening of April 15, Alpha Nu chapter house was dedicated. Thirty-two couples were present. The earlier part of the evening was spent in the usual social manner. At 9:30 the party adjourned to the large and beautiful parlors of Dr. Chas. E. Rice, where an excellent supper was served. After supper, Toastmaster Bro. H. C. Davis in a few well chosen words introduced the following speakers: Bro. W. L. Hart, Bro. C. A. Betts, Brother Aby, Bro. W. T. S. Culp and Brother Jenkins.

The party then returned to the chapter house and the following program was listened to with pleasure:

Orchestra.....Selected  
 Dedicatory.....Bro. John W. Craine  
 Solo.....Miss Rose Pearson  
 Quartette, "My Cottage Home.".....Margaret M. Fleming,  
 Rose C. Pearson, Bro. Herbert S. Johns, Bro. Albert J. Norton  
 Address.....Bro. S. O. Eldredge  
 Solo.....Bro. Herbert S. Johns

The following day the boys kept "open house;" a large number of citizens, members of the faculty, students and members of other fraternities were received and shown through the house. A pleasant feature of the day was the receipt of beautiful presents from the S. L. club (a ladies' local society), and the Alpha Chapter of Delta Gamma.

Bro. A. C. Eldredge, '95, has been elected principal of the Garden Avenue schools, Lorain, O. He will have charge of a building of thirteen rooms.

Bro. H. F. Ake, '95, expects to study law at Canton, O., the ensuing year.

Bro. H. A. March, '95, has accepted the city editorship of the *Alliance Daily Critic*, in Bro. W. L. Hart's place. Brother Hart, having resigned that position, intends entering the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. While Brother Hart was with us he was one of our most enthusiastic and helpful members. Brother Mellotte, who has been in the U. S. Government service at Washington, D. C., will return to Mt. Union and graduate with the class of '95. Bros. D. J. Boone, L. D. Slusser, C. L. Hannold, R. J. Morris and W. A. McConkey have returned to resume their college work.

Among the brothers who recently visited the chapter are: Bros. W. S. Earsman, '88, attorney at Lonsville, O.; Prof. E. F. Eldredge, '92, formerly of the Sandusky, O., schools; Prof. F. C. Donecker, '94, Wilmot, O.; F. P. Geiger, '94, Malvern, O.; Prof. G. M. Korn, Barberton, O.; Bert and Henry Paine. Bro. Henry Paine, formerly a member of this chapter, is now attending school at Albion, Mich.

On the evening of June 19th, Bro. L. O. Eldredge, '93, was married to Miss Lulu G. Matthias, at the home of the bride's uncle, Bro. Matthias, Alliance, O. The same evening a reception was given the brothers of the chapter. Bro. Eldredge has recently been elected principal of the East Palestine Schools.

On the evening of June 22, Bro. W. S. Robinson, '91, of Barberton, was married to Miss Julia Phillips of Ravenna, O.

T. L. CASKEY, Correspondent.



## OHIO BETA ETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, DELAWARE.

The college days are over for this year, and we feel that the past year has been a most profitable one for us. Brother Henderson represented us among the commencement speakers.

Our picnic was the swell event of the year. Thirteen couples attended and we had an excellent time. The two college papers of the O. W. U. have combined and Bro. Will Bass will be editor-in-chief next year. The Chi Phi charter has been withdrawn and we have only eight fraternities here now. The Pan-Hellenic Fraternity entertainment was a decided success. Brothers Bass, Pearson and Said took part and Brother Naylor was manager of the advertising. We expect to be in fine shape for next year. We wish all our sister chapters a pleasant vacation. E. O. DECAMP, Correspondent.

## OHIO BETA MU, WOOSTER UNIVERSITY, WOOSTER.

During the last two years, Ohio Beta Mu has had remarkable and unexpected growth. The fall of 1893 found but three or four loyal Alpha Taus returned, out of a chapter of eighteen. We close this year with eighteen active members and two pledged. We stand toward the front in study, athletics and society. We lose none of our men by graduation this year; so our prospects for the coming year are more than ordinarily bright.

Bro. Paul R. Hickok is winning a fine reputation in Wooster as an elocutionist. By the opinion of the three judges, he won first place in Athenæan declamation contest, and in the rendering of "Midsummer Night's Dream" was highly praised for the excellent way he took the part of Oberon, King of Fairies.

We enjoyed a visit from Bros. Ira Stahl and Frank Colvin this term.

We have the pleasure of presenting another loyal and true brother to the fraternity world, Bro. G. Stahl, of Jewett, Ohio. Brother Stahl makes the last of three brothers, whom it has been Ohio Beta Mu's pleasure to receive among her members.

Bros. Ralph Hickok, Howard Pritchard and Geo. Stahl were elected for preparatory commencement orators. Brother Pritchard was salutarian and Brother Hickok stood next to him in rank.

Bro. O. P. Foust, '93, has been reelected principal of the Orrville schools, with an increase of salary.

Bro. Samuel C. Moore will be in the treasurer's office, of Culumiana Co., at Lisbon, this summer.

Bro. Paul R. Hickok will enjoy the experience of selling books in Wayne Co. this term.



Ohio Beta Mu has derived great pleasure and benefit from the annual reports received from the different chapters throughout the United States. By means of these reports we have been able to form a better estimate of the condition of the fraternity than ever before. They are a great help to fraternity life and organization and should not be neglected.

LAWRENCE McMANIGAL, Correspondent.

OHIO BETA RHO, MARIETTA COLLEGE, MARIETTA.

Another college year has come to a close and, as usual, Beta Rho has received her share of the honors.

We have initiated two men since our last report: Bros. Frank C. Knowles and Arthur D. Sloan of the class of '99. They are good men and are filled with the fraternity spirit which is so noticeable in all Taus. Bro. Herbert Sloan, '95, champion tennis player of the college, has just won a gold medal presented to the champion athlete on our annual field day. He also held the position of third baseman on the first team and is the best full back in the state. We hold the positions of pitcher, short-stop and third baseman, being the only frat to have three men on the team, none of the others having a man in the in-field. Brother Morgan, '97, editor of the *Ohio*, won first place in a sophomore declamation contest, he and Brother Crooks being selected out of four to compete. He also received highest honors in Latin, Greek and mathematics, a very unusual thing. Brother Lehnhard has received, during the year, two prizes, one of \$30 and one of \$20, for excellency in scholarship. Brothers Snyder, J. W., and R. N. Crooks sing on the glee club. We have picnics, banquets and dances and are enjoying our full share of prosperity. Best wishes from Beta Rho.

EDW. B. FOLLETT, Correspondent.

PA. ALPHA RHO, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY, BETHLEHEM.

It is with a mingled feeling of pleasure and regret that we near the end of another scholastic year: pleasure in that, for a few short months, we turn aside from the well-worn path of college duties and follow where pleasure's fancy leads; regret in knowing that when the roll is called next September there will be so many familiar faces missing.

By graduation we lose Brothers Jaudon, Goss and Burgess, while Brothers Bigler, Boyer and Ruhe do not expect to return in the fall, Brother Ruhe going to Cornell, where he will affiliate with our sister chapter, Beta Theta. We realize what a blow our chapter will receive by the loss of these six stanch Alpha Taus, yet they leave be-

hind them the spirit to secure from the incoming class those who will as proudly and loyally wear the Maltese Cross.

The number and condition of the different fraternities here make the competition for men very spirited and, on this account, we have been refurbishing and papering our house, making it even more attractive than before. We would also beg that any Alpha Tau having a friend or knowing of any one, coming here next year, will notify us, so we can look him up on our return.

Our share of college honors is as follows: Brother Goss has had the undivided honor of catcher on the "Varsity" and in him they lose next year one of their ablest men. Brothers Dunbar and O'Donnell are on next year's "*Epitome*" board and Brother Tschudy is chairman of the Cremation of Calculus Committee. Brother Rankin is one of the committee for the junior hop, and Brothers Dunbar and Sheppard are members of the sophomore Cotillion Club, while in Theta Nu Epsilon we are represented by Brothers Jaudon, Groverman and O'Donnell.

In conclusion, Alpha Rho sends greeting to all her sister chapters, with best wishes for the PALM and a prosperous future for all who shall bid farewell to their alma mater.

W. HEALD GROVERMAN, Correspondent.

PENNA. ALPHA IOTA, MUHLENBERG COLLEGE, ALLENTOWN.

Alpha Iota's history has not been uneventful since her last letter. She introduces to the brothers of Alpha Tau Omega Bro. John H. Sykes, a member of '97.

The class of '97 has already elected the men who will publish the next "*Ciarla*." All the Taus in that class have been elected to the staff. They are Brother Stine, business manager, Brother Kuhl, associate editor, and Brother Sykes, artist.

Great interest has been manifested by the brothers in the wedding of Brother Bernheim, '92. For some years past the brother has been rather attentive to one of Allentown's fairest ones, so that when we received a card announcing the marriage of Miss Belle G. Krause and Brother Bernheim, we could conceive of no better way of congratulating the happy brother than by extending to him a "smoker" in the fashion of the "smoker" at the Washington Congress last Christmas. The affair was a highly enjoyable one, and the brother must agree that his last days of bachelorhood were by no means ill-spent.

The wedding was well attended by the brothers. Of the four ushers three were Alpha Taus. They were Bro. Harry F. Schantz of Reading, Bro. Paul S. Ulrich of Lebanon, and Bro. Max S. Erdman of Allentown. The beautiful Alpha Tau Omega serenatas after the bride and groom had betaken themselves to their new home cannot be described.

At this year's commencement Brother Sandt received third honor, while Brother Sykes carried off the sophomore botanical prize for the best essay and herbarium of the order Coniferæ.

Our chapter closed the collegiate year with a banquet at Hotel Allen, which proved to be a most fraternal gathering of Alpha Taus. Besides the active chapter the following participated: Alumni Bros. Ira Wise, Ralph Metzger, Esq., Dr. A. J. Yost, Oscar F. Bernheim, Leo Wise, Esq., H. P. Butz, Allen V. Heyl, Max S. Erdman, Malcolm Metzger, Paul MacKnight, B. Frank Rinn, and Robert A. Kistler; also Bros. Wallace E. Ruhe and J. E. Gomery of Alpha Rho. Bro. N. Wiley Thomas was the guest of honor upon the occasion, and as soon as our brothers shook the warm hand of Alpha Iota's father until the last partings were exchanged, there prevailed a certain spirit of true fraternity feeling within the hearts of the banqueters which would have been lacking but for the presence of the worthy Doctor.

Bro. Ira Wise was toastmaster and the following toasts were ably responded to:

Alpha Tau Omega.....	Dr. N. Wiley Thomas
Pa. Alpha Iota.....	Fred E. Cooper
The Order of Benedicts.....	Oscar F. Bernheim
The Legal Profession.....	Leo Wise, Esq.
Alpha Rho.....	J. Edgar Gomery
Our Alumni.....	Ralph Metzger, Esq.
The Medical Tau.....	Dr. A. J. Yost
Spiking and Rushing.....	Max S. Erdman
'95.....	John E. Sandt
Our Sisters.....	Harry K. Lantz

Permit us to urge our sister chapters to hold annual banquets if they have not already begun the custom. There is nothing that binds fraternal ties more closely than such an assembly. We can ascribe nothing but the greatest benefits to them. Long may the '95 banquet of Alpha Iota live in the minds of us all as a sumptuous feast of fraternal love!

Our best wishes are extended to all the brothers of Alpha Tau Omega.

M. S. HOTTENSTEIN, Correspondent.

PA. ALPHA UPSILON, GETTYSBURG COLLEGE, GETTYSBURG.

We are now at the close of another collegiate year, and by the time this letter reaches the PALM all the boys will have gone to their respective homes. We will lose by graduation two men: Bros. I. U and P. D. Hoover, also Bro. J. E. Enniss, '97, who will enter the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. Since

our last letter to the PALM we have initiated two men and I take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity Bro. Leonard Koller, '98, and Bro. Melvyn P. Buck, '97. Bro. P. D. Hoover will enter the University of Pennsylvania and Bro. I. U. Hoover will engage in business at his home at Waynesboro, Pa.

On the night of June 19th, the chapter held a banquet at the Eagle Hotel. We had the honor of having with us Bro. C. W. Baker and Bro. L. W. Gerhardt, who were the charter members of the chapter. Brother Gerhardt was toastmaster. The following toasts were ably responded to: "The Founding of Alpha Upsilon," by Bro. C. W. Baker; "The Rise and Progress of Alpha Upsilon," by Bro. Franklin Menges; "Our Sisters," by Bro. W. H. Menges; "Alpha Upsilon in College Life," by Bro. P. D. Hoover; "Our Goat," by Bro. J. E. Enniss, and "Our Future," by Bro. White Hutton. It was in the wee small hours of morning when we adjourned, all well satisfied and feeling that Alpha Tau Omega is something grander than we had ever known. During commencement the chapter was visited by quite a number of brothers.

Although we will be somewhat reduced in number next year, we hope, by hard work, to add quite a number of men to the ranks of Alpha Tau Omega. With fraternal greeting and best wishes to the PALM,

WHITE HUTTON, Correspondent.

#### PA. TAU CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF PA., PHILADELPHIA.

Commencement is over and Tau has sent out ten Alpha Tau Omegas into the world as alumni. During the past year Tau has prospered; and her success is now assured. The outlook for next year is very bright. We regret that we have not learned of any alumni who expect to join us next year.

CLIFFORD MARSHALL, Correspondent.

#### R. I. GAMMA DELTA, BROWN UNIVERSITY, PROVIDENCE.

Since the establishment of our chapter in last September, we have advanced steadily in the ways of Alpha Tau. We number twenty-nine, nearly all of whom are prominent in some department of college life. Our finances are upon a solid basis. We have leased property adjoining the university, and will take possession of this next September, using it for dormitory, club rooms and tennis court.

Our prospects for the next year are bright. We lose but one man by graduation. Mr. George Goulding of the Providence High School, a leader of his class in scholarship, is pledged to membership with us.

In college life Alpha Tau is a leader in point of active participa-



tion. We are inaugurating reforms in our athletic policy, and hope to see important measures carried through next year.

To sum up, Gamma Delta is striving to make the fraternity a factor in college life. The fraternity system, as developed at Brown, has revealed some dangerous tendencies. We are seeking to promote, first of all, the building of solid character in our members; second, the establishment of a strong and respected fraternity, and third, the wielding of the power of the fraternity toward the general welfare of the university.

CHARLES P. NOTT, Correspondent.

TENN. LAMBDA, CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY, LEBANON.

Tennessee Lambda again greets her sister chapters, congratulating them on the year's work just finished, and wishing them as much success for the incoming year.

We are delighted with the reports from the various chapters which we have lately received; in every report can be read the unmistakable signs of Alpha Tau Omega's prosperity, and especially pleasing are the reports of our baby chapters.

Examinations and preparations for commencement exercises seem to engross the minds of our little band at present, although our meetings every Monday night are still as enjoyable as ever. We have made a study of the secret work this spring, often remaining late after our regular meetings for this purpose. We are making plans for the future, and as our brothers whom we leave behind are loyal and full of the enthusiasm of youth, our prospects for '95 and '96 are much more flattering than for '94 and '95. We were glad to have had a few of our "old boys" with us this year; they are always welcome.

Tennessee Lambda is justly proud of her alumni.

We give below our chapter roll of active members for '94 and '95:

W. P. Darwin, C. E. '95.....	Tennessee
C. F. Gilliland, A. B. '98.....	Tennessee
J. E. Horton, A. B. '97.....	Alabama
H. C. Lane, L. L. B. '95.....	Texas
H. H. McGill, A. B. '98.....	Texas
S. M. Parks, B. S. '95.....	Texas
G. M. Swingley, special.....	Tennessee

May choicest blessings be showered upon Alpha Tau Omega in her work of elevating and ennobling young manhood.

SAM M. PARKS, Correspondent.



## TENN. ALPHA TAU, S. W. P. UNIVERSITY, CLARKSVILLE.

Since our last letter to the PALM nothing of especial interest has taken place within the walls of our hall, except an informal reception given to our Clarksville sisters by the chapter.

The evening was delightfully spent in games, music and pleasant conversation, and elegant refreshments were served by the best confectioner in the city. It is needless to say that all the brothers enjoyed the evening immensely, for that is understood of all Alpha Tau when in company with their loyal sisters.

We have had no additions to our number this spring, having filled up our ranks early in the session.

The commencement exercises this year were said, by all, to have been the very best in the history of the university. We were glad to have several of our alumni brothers with us and their companionship was very much enjoyed. Those present were Bro. J. D. Wilhoite, '91, of Shelbyville, Tenn., whose visits are always enjoyed by the chapter; Bro. S. E. Chandler, '86, now professor of English Bible and History in Austin College, Sherman, Texas, who is one of the founders of Texas Gamma Epsilon chapter and a most enthusiastic Alpha Tau; he predicts great things for Alpha Tau Omega in Texas; the outlook is very encouraging.

Bro. Wm. C. Fitts, attorney-general of Alabama, as alumni orator, added much to the pleasure and profit of commencement. His oration was said by many to be the finest ever delivered from the university rostrum. He is a very fine orator and beautiful writer. We are justly proud of his having been one of our early initiates. He is said to be the youngest attorney-general in the United States.

Our chapter had only one contestant for any of the medals given, Bro. H. S. Caldwell, of Alabama, who won the Mack Biblical medal, one of the highest honors in the university. Bro. W. L. Frierson, of Chattanooga, was elected our next alumni orator. Alpha Tau Omega chapter has many fine orators among her alumni and considers Brother Frierson one of the best.

We are sorry to report the loss this term of Bros. E. W. Bearden, W. L. Caldwell, J. E. Green and G. Abbott. Brother Bearden expects to enter the Vanderbilt law school next session, and we congratulate Beta Pi chapter on receiving such a loyal and true brother, one of whom we are very proud. Brother Bearden received distinction in every class and every examination he had the past session. Brother Caldwell expects to take a post-graduate course at Princeton Theological Seminary next session. Brother Green enters the work of the ministry in Arkansas. Brother Abbott expects to enter business in New Orleans.

We have good prospects for next session, expect seven brothers

to return and have two new men in view already. We have no anxiety about being able to retain first place among the Greeks in S. W. P. University.

A friendly and in many cases fraternal spirit exists between all the Greek letter men in our university; the rivalry which exists is all in a pleasant way.

We wish all Alpha Taus a most pleasant and profitable vacation. Yours in the bonds of Alpha Tau Omega fellowship and love,  
JAS. E. GREEN, Correspondent.

TENN. OMEGA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, SEWANEE.

Tennessee Omega reports one initiate since the last issue of the PALM, Bro. Howard Knight, of Florida, a student in the medical department. Bro. L. E. Kelton, of Tennessee Beta Pi, has returned to the medical department, and again affiliates with us. Since his last stay he has surrendered the state of "single blessedness," and has received most hearty congratulations.

A most enjoyable five o'clock tea was given to the chapter by Brother Ross quite recently. Although a frater in facultate, he is as active as the latest student initiate. Mrs. Ross is also quite an enthusiast and is a valuable addition to the social life of Alpha Tau at Sewanee.

The work on the chapter house extension goes bravely on. It is half completed at this writing and will be ready for use by the August commencement. Of course another house-warming will be necessary; something in the way of a reception to friends and alumni. This commencement will add two brothers to the Tennessee Omega alumni list: Bro. W. C. Robertson, president of the class of '95 and valedictorian, master's degree; and Brother Johnson, graduate in divinity.

A matter of some importance has been brought before the Pan-Hellenics (Brother Robertson, Pres.) by this chapter, and Tennessee Omega chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. It is an endeavor to raise the fraternity standard at Sewanee (already high) by adopting a rule whereby no student shall be allowed to connect himself with any fraternity until at least one month has elapsed since his first registration. This will prevent rapid rushing and indiscriminate initiations, which are frequently harmful, both to the man and to his fraternity. With best wishes from Alpha Tau Omega at Sewanee, and my own personal regrets, I close this, my last chapter letter.

J. W. CANTLEY JOHNSON, Correspondent.

## TEXAS GAMMA EPSILON, AUSTIN COLLEGE, SHERMAN.

Texas Gamma Epsilon is able to report three months of steady growth in strength and enthusiasm since her establishment last March.

We have initiated one man, Mr. C. A. Lannius of Bonham, Texas, whom we introduce to the fraternity as a member who will wear the badge with loyalty and honor.

On Saturday, April 20th, the chapter gave a picnic to our young lady friends from the city of Sherman. The day was spent most enjoyably at Cook Springs, a neighboring resort. It was gotten up in a style which convinced the girls that in the social line the Alpha Taus lead everything in the college.

Brother George C. F. Butte has just received notice that he has won a scholarship, valued at about \$150, for post-graduate work in the school of political science, Columbia College, New York. He submitted a thesis criticising the late income tax. Inasmuch as this is an honor much striven for by students of different colleges, we feel considerable pride in Brother Butte's achievement.

Bro. T. L. Simmons was winner of the medal in the oratorical contest on San Jacinto Day.

We lose five of our best men by graduation and their loss will be sorely felt. Their occupations for the summer are as follows: Bro. Sam J. McFarland will enter the First National Bank, Ladonia, Texas; Bro. Bishop Holmes has entered the insurance business in Sherman; Bro. J. E. Simmons will spend the summer at his home in Mexia, Texas, and will probably teach next year. Bro. T. L. Simmons will go into the mercantile business in Mexia. Brother Butte will spend the summer in Commerce, Texas, and will probably enter Columbia law school next year. We predict for each of them a career successful and honorable both to themselves and to the fraternity.

Bro. R. E. Vinson has been elected president of the Y. M. C. A. for the ensuing year.

The newly-elected "*Reveille*" staff contains the following brothers: W. A. Vinson, editor-in-chief; R. E. Vinson, exchange editor; G. W. Mitchell, corresponding editor.

At the commencement just over we took a fair share of the honors. Brother Butte won first honors of the class; Bro. J. E. Simmons, second; Bro. T. L. Simmons, third; Brother McFarland was elected a commencement speaker; Bro. W. A. Vinson won the Latin medal for the fifth consecutive time; Bro. O. C. Kirven, preparatory Latin and scholarship, and Brother McCall, preparatory Greek.

On the college honor roll for scholarship, Bro. W. A. Vinson held second place, Bro. G. W. Mitchell, third, and Bro. R. E. Vinson, fifth.

We are doing everything we can to hunt up and get acquainted with all the Alpha Taus in Texas and we find a good many of them here. A Texas alumni association has been suggested. We sent out invitations to all we know to attend our "farewell meeting" at commencement, but none of them were able to attend.

Our financial condition is good: PALM dues paid; no debt; movement for chapter house progressing nicely. Every member has bought and wears a badge.

A commodious new wing is being added to the college building and a prosperous term is expected next year.

At least eight good men of our chapter will return next fall and every prospect is bright.

GEORGE W. MITCHELL, Correspondent.

VA. BETA, WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY, LEXINGTON.

Commencement has come and gone and brought with it its usual amount of happiness and sorrow. It is with a feeling of deep regret that we part for the last time with Brothers Bell and Peterson. Brother Bell has been connected with Virginia Beta for the past five years and all the success she has achieved has been due to his untiring efforts in her behalf. He graduated from the law school, and will practice in New Orleans. The final ball, of which he was president, was the prettiest and most enjoyable that Washington and Lee has had for years. Brother Peterson was a cadet at the Virginia Military Institute and a member of Georgia Beta Mu. Although he was unable to connect himself with our chapter, as it was against the rules of the institute, still he won for himself a warm place in our hearts during the four years of his stay in our midst. He graduated with high honors, holding the office of second captain, and as a token of the esteem he was held in by his company, they presented him with a beautiful sword on his graduation. His company was also awarded the prize for being the best drilled, over three others. Brother Tutwiler will return next year. He was appointed laboratory assistant in chemistry and was also elected business manager of the *Southern Collegian* for next year. Our latest initiate is Bro. W. N. Jones of Richmond, Va., whom we introduced to the goat the 29th of June. The goat, however, could make no impression on him, as he has been attending the Virginia Military Institute for the past four years, graduating in the class with Brother Peterson. Brother Jones held the office of second lieutenant, and it is with genuine pleasure that we introduce him to the fraternity as an Alpha Tau worthy of her in every respect. Virginia Beta is already making preparations for next year, and although we start out with only



three, Brothers Slicer, Hammat and Tutwiler, still we hope to build up a chapter worthy of our fraternity.

With best wishes for a pleasant vacation,

C. C. TUTWILER, Correspondent.

VT. BETA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF VT., BURLINGTON.

We are happy to pen these lines to the PALM from our new chapter hall. We took possession of our new quarters the 29th of last April and will have everything arranged for good, lively work next fall.

Since our last letter we have initiated two men: Frank Robert Wright, '96, of Newport, Vt., and Albert Fay Lowell, '98, of Burlington, Vt.

The coming commencement takes from us seven brothers with whom we have been so happily associated for the past three years. We are very glad to learn that eighteen of our brothers expect to return next fall, so we will have a good force with which to work.

On the Diamond Brother Woodward led the 'Varsity to a handsome victory over Holy Cross and Harvard.

In the Field Day Events, Brother Hanson easily took the first prizes in the quarter and half mile run; Brother Blake took first prizes in the mile run, pole vault, and with Brother Allen took first prize in the three-legged race. More than as many prizes fell to Alpha Tau Omega boys at that time.

Brothers Giffin, McCormick, Murry, Gannon and Terry from N. Y. Alpha Omicron, St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y., made us a visit recently, being on their base-ball team.

Brother Davis delivers the pipe oration for class day exercises, and Brother Woodward is marshall of ceremonies.

Our graduates from '95 are Brothers Deberville and Wilson, classical; Brother Lowell, Latin scientific; Brothers Davis, Pratt and Woodward, engineering; and Brother Stevens, scientific.

The work on the new buildings at the university is progressing finely and they will be completed and ready for occupancy in the early fall.

N. D. BLAKE, Correspondent.

TENN. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The Tennessee Alumni Association met in the parlors of the Duncan House, Nashville, Tenn., on Friday, May 17th, '95, the president, A. F. Whitman, of Tennessee Lambda, in the chair. Worthy Chaplain A. M. Trawick opened the meeting with prayer. The usual routine of business was taken up. The secretary, Brother Dil-



lard, being absent, the chair appointed E. K. Turner "*pro tem.*" Forty loyal Alpha Taus were present at roll call. After some discussion as to time and place of next meeting, and notwithstanding Omega's cordial invitation to the association to meet in their chapter house at Sewanee, it was deemed best to meet again next year in Nashville on Vanderbilt's Annual Field Day. A committee consisting of J. H. Acklen, A. L. Childress and R. W. Jones, was appointed to act in conjunction with a member from each active chapter in the state, to make all necessary arrangements for the same. The sentiment of the house was that Beta Pi's delegate should be chairman of this committee.

Reports from all the active chapters, except that at Jackson, Tenn., were called for and were found to be in a very prosperous condition. Omega is making additions to her chapter house and Beta Pi is arranging to get into permanent quarters. Brothers Acklen and Parish spoke in behalf of the alumni. It was rather a sad commentary on the zeal of the Tennessee alumni that out of the total of forty, only three or four alumni were present at their own meeting. Those present were mainly under-graduates. The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows: W. G. K. E., Zac Toliver, President; Brother Parish, Secretary; Bro. C. C. Pinckney, Treasurer; Chancellor Wiggins, of the University of the South, was elected orator, with Bro. P. W. Jones of this city, alternate. Brothers Roberson, Cave and Acklen were appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of our deceased brother, John W. Weber, of this city. The association then adjourned to the dining hall, where we were highly entertained by the choicest viands and wittiest toasts. In the absence of Brother Patterson, Bro. R. L. Cave, of Tenn. Beta Pi, delivered the annual oration. Tenn. Omega was represented by Brothers Woodward, Roberson, McMillan, Henderson, Gaston, Brown, Pinckney and Farrar. Business of grave importance detained Chancellor Wiggins, whom we had hoped to have with us. Tenn. Alpha Tau had present Brothers Quarles, Wade, Bearden, Leland, Wilhoite, Sumpter and Deadwick. Tenn. Lambda showed up with Pres. Whitman, Judge Acklen, Childress and McLaughlin. Nashville being the home of Beta Pi, of course she was present in full force almost to a man. The association regretted very much the fact that arranging for the annual meet on the Vanderbilt campus kept the Tulane team so busy that the Alpha Taus could not be with us. Suffice it to say that they covered themselves with glory and that we rejoiced with them, though denied the pleasure of meeting them. On the whole the meeting was a great success. We can not, however, keep from urging the necessity of a larger attendance upon the part of the alumni.

E. K. TURNER, Ala. Beta Beta, Sec.

## PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Vt. Beta Zeta wishes the following numbers of the PALM, to complete chapter file: Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Vol. VII.; Nos. 1 and 3, Vol. VIII.; Nos. 2 and 4, Vol. IX, and Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Vol. X. Any brother or chapter who can furnish these numbers will please address Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, 100 Church St., Burlington, Vt.

Bro. W. W. Wright is with the Cleveland Iron Mining Co. at Ishpeming, Mich., as cashier. The company is one of the most powerful in the Michigan iron district, and Brother Wright's position is a responsible and desirable one.

Brother Cope, of Michigan Beta Omicron, has been traveling recently in Northern Michigan.

Bro. Charles Grainger, N. C. Alpha Delta, '88, is studying dentistry in Baltimore, Md.

Bro. E. J. Fort, C. E., N. Y. Beta Theta, is in the engineering department of the Denver & Gulf R. R. Co. at Trinidad, Col.

Bro. Sloan Huggins, N. C. Alpha Delta, '90, has just graduated from the medical department of the University of Maryland, with a very high stand.

Bro. F. B. Deverville, A. B. '95, Vt. Beta Zeta, will continue his law studies at Burlington, Vt.

Bro. Hal Rossman, Ga. Beta Iota, who left college in the latter part of the spring term, is studying electricity with the Ga. Electric Light Co., of Atlanta.

Bro. Walter S. Dole, C. E., N. Y. Beta Theta, is now in the employ of the People's Gas Co., of Chicago, doing very largely experimental work.

Bro. J. J. Wilson, A. B. '95, N. Y. Beta Theta, will pursue a law course in his father's office at Bethel, Vt.

Bro. H. Walter Booth, Mich. Beta Lambda, late W. G. K. A., now has his headquarters at the Gault House, Louisville, Ky. He is having splendid success with railroad advertising.

Brothers will please note that the address of James E. Green, W. G. K. A., is now Batesville, Ark.

Bro. J. F. Pratt, B. S., '95, Vt. Beta Zeta, has a position on the government survey in the Province of Quebec.

Bro. R. A. Waller, Va. Beta, has had another honor conferred upon him. He has lately been appointed by Mayor Swift one of the civil service commissioners of the city of Chicago. He is a stanch Democrat, who is trusted and honored by the members of all political parties.

The Hon. Erskine M. Ross, one of our founders, has rendered an opinion recently in the litigation pending against the estate of the late Senator Stanford by the United States, which is quite a severe blow to the government, and renders the fortune of the Stanford University much more secure.

Mich. Beta Kappa needs a copy of No. 1 of Vol. XII., to complete the chapter files. Any brother having a copy to spare will please communicate with Bro. F. M. Falconer, Alpha Tau House, Hillsdale, Mich.

Bro. W. M. Hooper Johnston is connected with the Lubroleine Oil Company at Birmingham, Ala.

Bro. A. F. Young, formerly of Chicago, is now a full-fledged M. D., and is an assistant in the Milwaukee County Hospital at Wauwatosa, Wis.

Bro. Hugh L. Miller is manufacturing chemist for the Navassa Guano Co., at Wilmington, N. C.

Bro. E. K. Turner, Ala. Beta Beta, is head master of the Vanderbilt Training School at Bridgeport, Ala.

Bro. R. E. Chittick, of defunct Beta Alpha (Simpson College), is a prosperous pharmacist at Stuart, Neb., and a very enthusiastic Alpha Tau.

## CLIPPINGS.

REV. THEODORE D. BRATTON (TENN. OMEGA) HIGHLY HONORED.

The Rev. Theodore D. Bratton, who has been called to St. Michael's, is a son of Gen. John Bratton, of Fairfield, and is one of the most talented young Episcopal ministers in the South. When but a short time from the theological schools Mr. Bratton was called to the pulpit of the Church of the Advent in Spartanburg. The task before him when he accepted that call was a difficult one. The church had never thriven as it might have done, and at one time and another it had been harassed by internal dissension.

When Mr. Bratton came to Spartanburg the parish was in a decidedly disorganized condition, and the attendance at the Church of the Advent was small. Within a few months after his arrival in the city a change began. He worked indefatigably. His strong, earnest, eloquent sermons began to draw large congregations, his personal popularity became great, the piety of his life and character attracted the attention of people of all denominations, his influence began to be felt in the community, and in a very short time the limited capacity of the church over which he presided was entirely inadequate to accommodate the large congregations which flocked to it each Sunday. This is true to-day, and it is safe to say that when Mr. Bratton leaves Spartanburg the regret which will be felt will extend to the entire population of the town.

Mr. Bratton is a Christian gentleman in the fullest sense of the term, as well as a minister of unusual vigor of intellect and piety of life. He has great executive ability. Wherever he is known he is loved and admired. He is a worthy successor of the many eminent men who have filled St. Michael's pulpit.—*Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier*.

SAD DEATH OF BRO. H. S. NEFF, M. D. (PA. ALPHA IOTA.)

At an unguarded crossing of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, at Bethayres, a few miles above Jenkintown, a Royal Blue express train crashed into a carriage yesterday morning and instantly killed Dr. Henry Neff and his brother, Frank Neff, both of Bustleton. Dr. Neff was a physician practicing in Bethayres, but living with his parents in Bustleton. The two brothers had been at the doctor's



office yesterday morning, and about 10 o'clock they started out to visit a number of patients in the surrounding country. They were driving along the Welsh road, which leads from Bethayres down to Bustleton, and at the point where the road crosses the railroad tracks there is a sharp rise, while the view in either direction is obstructed. There is neither gate nor flagman at the crossing.

The Neff brothers were driving slowly and they had no warning of the approach of the east-bound Royal Blue train until they were fairly upon the tracks. Then it was too late either to whip up their horse or leap from the carriage. Before they could move, the flying express was upon them. The horse was killed, the carriage was smashed into splinters, young Frank Neff was thrown to the side of the tracks dead and Dr. Neff was carried half a mile beyond the crossing, on the pilot of the locomotive, before the train could be stopped. Death came instantly to both men.

The unfortunate young men were known to all the people of Bustleton, where they were general favorites. Dr. Neff was only 24 years old, a recent graduate of Hahneman and just establishing his practice in and about Bethayres. Frank Neff was several years younger than his brother.—*Philadelphia Record*.

#### BRO. GERVAIS LOMBARD (LA. BETA EPSILON) MARRIED.

On June 4th, Bro. Gervais Lombard was married to Miss Harriet L. Fuqua, one of Alpha Tau's staunchest supporters. The following is a clipping from the *New Orleans Trade Democrat*:

A very beautiful but quiet home wedding was that of Miss Harriet L. Fuqua, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Fuqua, and Mr. Gervais Lombard, which was celebrated Tuesday evening last at the residence of the bride's parents, on Second Street. Millions of beautiful roses and flowers of every variety decorated the entire house, transforming the drawing-rooms and dining-room into an elaborate floral bower. A rare collection of exquisite palms and ferns filled every nook and corner, intermingled with white lilies, magnolias and roses, the mantels were banked with potted maiden-hair ferns and beautiful white flowers, while the mirrors were hung most effectively with delicate green vines and sprays of white blossoms. The archway between the drawing-rooms was gracefully twined with quantities of green vines from the center of which was suspended a huge basket filled with ferns and flowers, and tied with a large bow knot of white satin ribbon. A number of handsome floral designs, sent in by friends of the bride, Misses De Pass, Pasteur and Hurt, filled the tables and cabinets, sending sweet and fragrant perfume through the apartments. At the hour appointed for the ceremony the wedding march from "Tannhauser," which was beautifully rendered by Miss Sear-

ing, announced the coming of the bridal party. The little sister and cousin of the bride, Cora Fuqua and Jessie Rouse, gowned in dainty white organdy, led the way, holding broad white satin ribbons in their hands, formed boundaries to an aisle through which the party passed, the only attendants being the two sisters of the bride, Misses Louise and Mary Fuqua, who walked alone, followed by the bride, who was accompanied by her father. They proceeded to the end of the drawing-rooms, where a number of large, handsome palms formed an archway over which was hung an enormous trailing bridal bouquet formed of delicate white flowers tied with a large lovers' knot of broad white satin ribbon, with long, graceful loops and ends. There the groom, with his best man, Mr. Frank N. Butler, Jr., awaited their coming. Rev. Father Gaffney performed the marriage ceremony in a very impressive manner, while Miss Mary Fuqua sang some beautiful selections very softly, accompanied by Miss Searing and a violin. The sweet young bride, who is a tall, handsome brunette, was becomingly gowned in sheer white organdy over satin, made very simply with full round skirt and short train; the bodice was low neck with large puffed sleeves to the elbow. A full bertha of applique lace finished the dainty and becoming costume about the neck, with tiny clusters of orange blossoms on the shoulders. The long veil of illusion was caught to her soft brown hair by a delicate spray of orange blossoms and fell in graceful folds to the end of her train. The bridal bouquet was formed of white sweet-peas and bride roses. The bridesmaids wore pretty gowns of white dotted swiss, trimmed in lace and ribbons. They carried bunches of pink sweet-pea blossoms and ferns tied with long pink satin ribbons. After the ceremony a small reception was held to which only relatives and a few intimate friends were invited.

#### BRO. JAMES B. GREEN'S PRESENTATION OF THE MINOR BUST.

The most notable event of the University "Commencement Week" was the unveiling to-day of the life-size marble bust of John B. Minor, L. L. D., professor of common and statute law.

Mr. Minor was born in Louisa County, Va., June 7, 1813, and was consequently eighty-two years old last Friday.

For a little over fifty years he has taught law in the University of Virginia with such ability and success that the law school here has been absolutely without a peer on this continent, and his students have been among the foremost lawyers and jurists in the land.

In February, 1894, James B. Green, Esq., who, although totally blind, is a distinguished graduate of the law school at the university, has been a successful lawyer, and is now an admirable teacher

of law to private classes at the university, conceived the idea that the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. Minor's connection with the university ought to be commemorated, and that an appropriate way of doing so would be to present to the University Library a life-size marble bust of the great teacher.

Accordingly Mr. Green went to work with characteristic energy, secured the hearty coöperation of the law class and of the faculty, and (by the help of his accomplished wife) opened a correspondence with the widely-scattered law alumni of the university, which soon assured the success of the scheme.

The bust by Valentine is a full life-sized on a pedestal of polished granite, the whole six feet two inches in height. The expression is pleasant, but grave, representing him as he sits before his class. The bust has been pronounced by the general public, the Richmond alumni, the committee, and the family, an every way admirable likeness, and a superb work of art. The dress and drapery are not classic nor ideal, but the ordinary dress of the lecture room, and the whole appearance is so life-like that one of the old students exclaimed on seeing it: "There can be no doubt about that. That is old John B. looking exactly as he did when he used to 'cork' me in the class."

When mounted and placed in the library, the bust will be a notable addition to the gallery of worthies there, and a memorial of which the law alumni may be justly proud.

The whole cost of placing the bust in the library has been \$1,120, which amount was originally contributed.

Captain Micajah Woods, of the Society of Alumni, introduced Mr. James B. Green, chairman of the committee on the Minor bust, who spoke as follows:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

In behalf of the Minor Bust committee, it now becomes my pleasant duty to present to the university library the fruits of our labor of love.

It seldom happens that human hopes are fully realized, but this occasion is an exception to the rule. Our trust is executed. Unlike Mark Antony, I come to praise and not to bury Cæsar. *That* Cæsar made a bloody track through history—his commentaries are filled with moving legions, camps, forts, bridges, military plans, countries devastated, peoples subjugated, and "all the pomp and circumstance of glorious war." Ours, hath his victories of peace, no less renowned. His record is of human rights and the means of redressing and preventing wrongs. It is summarized in the inscription on this pedestal—

1845.

He taught the law  
and the reason thereof.

1895.

By mathematics we sound depths, scale heights, join the stately procession of the planets and peer over the edge of time into infinity. By law we live; our uncrowned king hath taught us how. The ever-present, ever-pressing question on the lips of childhood and age is, Why? So far as legal science is concerned, John B. Minor has answered it satisfactorily. This marble typifies his purity and character, such purity as the greatest Law-giver who ever trod the earth had in mind when he said: "Blessed are the pure in heart." The granite supporting the marble shows forth those basic principles governing man's intercourse with his fellow man, embodied in his teachings and enduring as rock. Fifty years are not long compared with the period that this stone lay in the everlasting hills before the chisel of genius called it into form. But reckoned by unremitting toil and results and the history that the past fifty years have made, the importance cannot be over-estimated. It was tersely said at the outset of this enterprise: His works are a monument to a noble life, his ability and Christian character insure our lasting remembrance. Yet it seems fit that the students of the future should look upon his face in marble and say of us: "Behold how they loved him!"

Brother Alumni, I thank you for words of cheer and honest co-operation in this work, and now, our great Expounder of the law may take his place beside the founder of the university, who framed the Virginia law of descent and the Declaration of Independence.

Mr. Green, totally blind as he is, delivered his speech in clear tones, and with graceful gesture, and was frequently and loudly applauded.

The bust was received by the chairman of the faculty, Prof. William M. Thornton.—*The Daily Progress* (Charlottesville, Va.), June 12, 1895.

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—*Piedmont Inquirer*.

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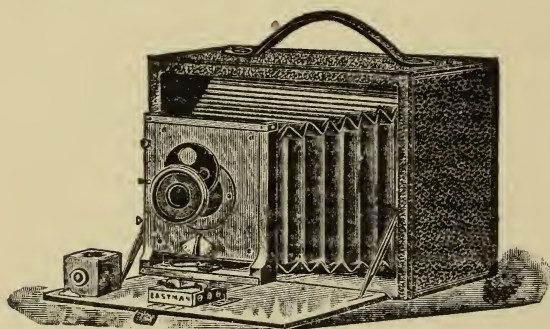
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## A FRATERNITY DUTY.—THE CHAPTER LETTER.

Membership in a college fraternity is a valuable part of a college education nowadays, as all college graduates realize, particularly when they revisit their alma mater and find nearly all their old acquaintances missing. As the distinguished philosopher Paley well says, "Education, in the most extensive sense of the word, may comprehend every preparation that is made in our youth for the sequel of our lives." A great deal can be done in four years, but not too much to cultivate the powers and faculties of the student. It is the aim of college work proper to impart a certain amount of information and knowledge of methods of research and original investigation. Evidently, this is not a complete preparation for life. There yet remains the cultivation of the social instincts, or the adjustment of the individual to his place in organized society, and it is in this field that the college fraternity is most active. Through it, the closest friendships are cemented and far-reaching influences on the student's life are set in motion, and through it, combined social effort is made possible and chapter traditions are preserved, gentlemanly qualities are cultivated and college life is enlivened and embellished. But fraternity influences do not stop at this. Not only the social welfare, but also the cultivation of the mental, moral and spiritual nature of the student was the aim of the founders of our fraternity. Fraternity membership imposes duties, at the same time that it confers privileges. In the proper performance of the former consists fraternity discipline, the value of which can not be estimated too highly.

The duties of fraternity life may be subdivided into (1) duties toward individual brothers, (2) duties toward the chapter, and (3) duties toward the general fraternity. One of the latter is so important as to be deemed of sufficient importance to be considered in the

most prominent place in this, the first number of the *PALM* for the college year. We refer to the duty of each chapter of keeping in touch with every other chapter and with the general fraternity, through the medium of the fraternity's official organ, the *PALM*.

No one is in a better position to realize the helplessness of the individual in carrying out an enterprise than the editor of a college fraternity magazine. Unaided, he can do nothing. The very nature of his work is such as to demand assistance from others, for his publication is at once a means of inter-communication between the various chapters and the mouthpiece of the fraternity as a whole. He cannot presume to speak alone in either capacity. Hence the necessity for chapter letters and contributions from alumni and others. Of the two, the former are the more important, and are the more troublesome to the editor.

From the time of the appearance of the first number of the *PALM*, a considerable portion of its space has been devoted to threats and appeals to the chapter correspondents, and criticisms of their lax methods. That this should be so is a very unfavorable comment on the conduct and methods of the modern college student, when it is considered that only four communications are required during the college year and the directions have always been explicit as to the character of work demanded. It looks as though the average student did not care to take advantage of the discipline derived from this correspondence.

In the very first number of the *PALM*, the following valuable suggestions (substantially) in regard to chapter letters were made, and deserve careful perusal to-day:

“For the future guidance of the chapters we wish to say something on the subject of the chapters corresponding regularly with the Fraternity through the medium of the *PALM*.

“Let the first step on the part of each and every chapter be to enact the following by-laws, or others to the same purpose:

(1) It shall be the duty of this chapter to select one of its members as its “correspondent;” (2) the duty of the correspondent shall be to write a letter, in behalf of his chapter, to the Fraternity at large,



for every issue of the Alpha Tau Omega PALM, her official organ; (3) said letter shall give the following information, to-wit: (a) The full names and places of residence of the present active members of the chapter, together with the dates of initiation of recent initiates; (b) names of current officers, with duration of their term; (c) the latest honors or distinctions obtained by any member or members; (d) the progress of the Hall or House Fund, if any; (e) the general condition and prospects of the chapter; (f) personal items concerning active or alumni members; (g) the condition and outlook of the college; (h) names and condition of other fraternities in the institution; (i) and, finally, information in regard to any matters of probable interest to the fraternity; (4) Said letter—having been submitted to and approved by the chapter—shall be transmitted for insertion in the next succeeding issue of the PALM.

“If these suggestions shall be approved and afterward faithfully carried out, the Fraternity at large will be kept advised of the *progress*, condition and prospects of each and every chapter in the order.

“Is not such a state of things to be greatly desired, and is it not the plain duty of the several chapters to endeavor to bring it about?”

It is probable that every brother of the time recognized the truth of Brother Anderson's remarks. But, alas! at no time in the history of the magazine does there seem to have been an adequate performance of their duty by chapter correspondents, although of late the character of their work has much improved.

The suggestions above quoted are quite full, and, taken together with the directions which now appear in each number of the PALM, should convey sufficient information for the proper performance of their duty by the chapter correspondents. A few more suggestions will now be made.

(1.) The last Congress considered it so imperative that each chapter should have a letter in each number of the PALM, that a fine was imposed for failure to furnish such a letter. This fine should be strictly enforced, for the good of the fraternity.

(2.) Chapter correspondents should avoid trivial details of no general interest, such as “Bro. Charley Smythe has grown a mus-

tache," "Bro. Will Jones had a severe attack of toothache last week," etc., etc. Items quite as uninteresting as these may be found in the columns devoted to chapter letters.

(3.) The correspondent should be constantly on the watch for interesting items, and should be particularly careful to keep in touch with the alumni of his chapter, and send personals in regard to them to the PALM. He should also send in all general college items of interest.

(4.) It is best to have the chapter letters read at the chapter meeting before sending to the PALM. If this rule were regularly followed, the character of the letters appearing would, doubtless, be much improved.

If these suggestions were carefully considered, much benefit would result to all concerned. The work may be made helpful by its conscientious performance. The preparation of neat copy, carefully written and punctuated, and the proper composition of correspondence, and the cultivation of the news instinct, will be of great benefit to the student in after life. It is surprising how many mistakes the ordinary man will make in writing a letter, and it has been shown that the peculiarities of writing are characteristic. We must confess that we form some highly unfavorable opinions of some of our correspondents, who exhibit barely enough intelligence in their letters to rival a grammar school student, while of others, whose letters are always nicely written and models of neatness and conciseness of expression, our impressions are decidedly flattering. We feel that the writers must be good students and worthy brothers, because they take a pride in their work, and we trust all of our letters will be of this kind this year.

## SUNSET IN THE HARBOR.

The sun in the west is all aglow,  
The sails all furled gleam white as snow;  
The skipper smokes his pipe in peace,  
And rosy clouds hang in the east.  
The lighthouse towers on the lea,  
And the mariner far away at sea,  
Shading his eyes as he seeks its dome,  
Thinks of the loved ones safe at home.  
Oh, sweet is the calm upon the seas,  
Sweet is the myrtle-laden breeze;  
And sweet are my thoughts when I think of you,  
When the sun is low on the ocean blue!  
The darkness falls upon the deep,  
And weary eyelids turn to sleep;  
The sun sinks on the ocean's breast  
And the west-wind calls, "To Rest, to Rest!"

—J. S. BROWN.

## THE CHAPTER-HOUSE.

The "chapter-house" is now engaging the attention of every fraternity. The thing itself is more or less of a novelty with us, yet it has passed the initial steps, and may safely be pronounced a feature of Chi Phi life which has come to stay. Its presence cannot be overlooked. The novelty of the idea having worn off, it is proved to be not a fad or passing whim, soon to be relegated to the *limbus* of oblivion, but rather a factor in our Fraternity life of such value and importance that it is really one of the pressing duties of the Grand Lodge, under the instruction received from the convention, to urge upon every chapter of the fraternity its adoption, not resting until every member of our great Chi Phi family is ensconced in a building of its own. The *why* and the *wherefore* of this statement it is my privilege to set before you to-night.

I can speak, too, by the card. I have the honor of membership in the chapter which enjoys the distinction of being the Chi Phi pioneer in this movement. In 1885 Phi dedicated the first chapter-house in Chi Phi (*i. e.*, the first *owned* by the chapter occupying it), and this step was the outcome of a movement set on foot during my undergraduate days at Amherst. During this last decade it has been my privilege frequently, though not as often as I could have wished, to witness the working of the house and to observe its effect upon the life of the chapter. The result of my conclusions finds fit expression, I think, in that phrase of my subject which describes the chapter-house as the high-water mark of our fraternity life. \* \* \* I call the chapter-house the high-water mark of our fraternity life, the very top-notch of progress; yes, I go further, and assert that, at its best, it is the embodiment of the highest conception of our fraternity, the fullest expression conceivable of the Chi Phi ideal. A bold statement, presumably, if it cannot be substantiated. When



backed up with proofs, its truthfulness is only the more apparent. Here are some of the most evident:

*First. The manner of its reception.* *Vox populi* may not always be *vox Dei*. Majorities do not necessarily imply possession of the truth. At the same time general approbation of a thing cannot be safely ignored. In the matter of the chapter-house the vote of approval is with it. Alumni and undergraduates indorse it. Students who have enjoyed its advantages are always singing the praises of the chapter-house system. The tentative experiment by many chapters of renting a house has been followed, in several instances, by attempts to secure ownership in a suitable structure. But more than this. So desirable is the thing seen to be in itself, and so well adapted as a factor in the best college life of modern days, that our present educators treat it seriously and advocate its adoption. I am credibly informed that in the case of one of the most recent of American educational enterprises (Leland Stanford University), the trustees have signified their willingness to erect for such fraternities as desire suitable houses, chapters to make payment for them in easy stages. \* \* \*

*Secondly. What the chapter-house does for the student.* It is a matter of common observation that there has been a marked change during these latter days in the whole theory and course of education. The evidence of this, if any is needed, is to be found in the changed methods now universally adopted, the revision of the whole curriculum, the adoption of the elective system, and many like things. It is not possible this change could be brought about without a corresponding change in the conditions of student life. It is just there we may best detect the predominating influence at a particular period in any one college. \* \* \*

And, confessedly, the "surroundings" of the student of to-day are wonderfully in advance of the days of our fathers. Within the last fifteen years there have become common in college towns that building whose significance I am considering—the chapter-house of Greek-letter fraternities. Sometimes found on the very campus itself, always in near connection with "College Hill," no college town of

any real importance is to-day without one or a number of these chapter-houses.

The question arises, Can we reckon this new-comer as one of the instrumentalities or agencies in this latter-day improvement in the condition of student life? Put it another way. The ban placed upon rowdyism; that improvement among the students in deportment, dress, and morals which careful observers assure us is an encouraging sign to-day in well-nigh every one of our colleges; the changed opinion, now prevalent, of the benefits of a collegiate training as desirable, not only as a preparation for a professional career, but highly advantageous also for the future man of business; the remarkable increase of students in all our institutions of learning; can any or all of these potent phenomena be traced to or connected with the appearance of this new factor in college life—the chapter-house? The two synchronize beautifully. They appear in college history almost simultaneously. And I make the assertion, without fear of contradiction, that the one is a large part of the explanation of the other. It would not be becoming to ask you to accept the statement upon my own responsibility. I give one of many authorities which might be adduced to substantiate the position I take.

In 1889 the Commencement dinner at Amherst was made memorable as an occasion to do honor to the senior member of the Faculty, Professor William S. Tyler, who then completed the fiftieth year of his connection as instructor with the college. (The gentleman in question is one of the leading Greek scholars of his time, and his name has a world-wide reputation.) Some seven hundred of the Alumni and many distinguished guests were present at the time, and naturally the speech of most interest was Professor Tyler's own. In larger part it was a contrast between the Amherst of 1839 and 1889. In a graphic way he outlined the changes which fifty years had wrought in his Alma Mater. Lucidly he set forth how the tone of student life to-day was stronger, healthier, and pleasanter than ever before. He noted the points wherein the improvement was to be found—practically those above enumerated. Then, *mirabile dictu!* he put his finger upon the chief instrument in the change.

The larger share of the credit for this, he declared, is due to the erection and use of their chapter-houses by our fraternities. His language, *literatim*, of course, I cannot quote; of its substance I am very sure I have given the pith. This testimony is, to my mind, convincing. First, because when the professors give in we may be sure the thing is what we claim for it; especially, secondly, when, as in the case of Professor Tyler, it is the testimony of one who, in other years, had been in sympathy with the Princeton theory of abolishing fraternities altogether.

When I was in college, that was just what the Amherst faculty seriously contemplated. This is sufficient to account for my own astonishment at the time I heard his speech, and the fact that his eulogy of the chapter-house has been durably graven on my memory. I didn't wonder that a Chi Phi on one side of me and a Delta Kappa Epsilon on the other, both exclaimed the expressive words, "By gosh!" Do you? \* \* \*

The chapter-house is a college within a college. The laboratory, the library, the chapel, the philosophical hall, each has its place in the work of producing the end for which our colleges exist. But a most facile agent in the accomplishment is absent where the chapter-house is not found. It is the expression of that principle which has given birth to all institutionalism, which has made colleges themselves necessities for proper intellectual development—yes, the self-same principle which is the *raison d'être* of our dear Chi Phi. The principle of association, I mean, the basis of family, State, Church, asserting that man is a social being, which emphasizes the *solidity of the organism*. "We are members one of another," declaring "it is not good for man to be alone." The true fraternity spirit reaches its ideal development in learning the lesson forcibly impressed through the life of the chapter-house, "the good of one the welfare of all." Brothers, this is not sentiment, but the sober expression of a fact. I testify that which I have seen and do know. I venture to assert that in the chapter-house the final stage of progress has been reached for us as a fraternity. Henceforth our progress is to be in improving the thing itself, not through a substitution of something else for it. \* \* \*

*Thirdly. The effect upon the chapter.* My thought would be incomplete if I did not allude to another result of the introduction of the chapter-house as a prevalent factor of our fraternity life. The toning up of student life, of course, results in a corporate benefit. The existing chapter of necessity improves as the individuals composing it develop and progress. *This* effect (by no means slight) is not the one I have chiefly in mind now, as properly it is included in my last subdivision. I regard the chapter-house as destined to deliver the owners and users of it from a very great (and not at all imaginary) evil, whose existence in any chapter is a constant menace to the *Fraternity Chi Phi*—the danger of *localism* of a double sort.

My meaning will possibly be clearer by a comparison of theory and practice. In *theory*, a "Kiffie" at invitation enters an organization, of which the chapter he enters is the representative, and this membership is for life, and not simply to be limited by his undergraduate days. Actually the greater number of our alumni have, to all intents and purposes, been lost (in every way, perhaps, but in name) to the fraternity. Their chapter knows them no more, either in presence or through any assistance rendered, counsel given, or interest shown. The bulk of the Alumni seem to look back upon Chi Phi as one of the pleasant features of the college days from which they went out, and whose duties they discarded at the time they were graduated from their alma mater. The undergraduates, left practically to manage the interests of Chi Phi for themselves, imagine *that they* are the chapter, and the result is not the happiest. \* \* \*

One of the marks of these latter days, however, is an improvement in these respects. Here again the chapter-house may be safely looked to as a help in the right direction. Just as soon as the project of building the house is decided upon, the co-operation of the Alumni must be sought. Not only their financial help, but advice and counsel upon many very important points, are imperative. Around the growing structure there comes that union of past and present members of the chapter in brotherly relations, which is the very essence of a fraternity, ours above all others. When finished



and opened, the chapter-house invites the Alumni to enjoy the hospitality within its walls and participate with these, its present occupants, in the pleasures of Chi Phi life. Returning periodically to his alma mater, the graduate finds his chapter more than a tradition—it is a permanency now, in whose concerns he can be interested, and in whose progress and development he has a vital share.

Each fall, at the annual banquet, each Commencement, and above all, during the college year, as never before in her history, does the chapter at Amherst welcome within her walls an increasing number of her Alumni, whose interest and sympathy is as hearty as any they had during their undergraduate days. Not only so, but there is now fast developing that intimacy among chapters as a whole, that fraternal intercourse of the fullest kind which does to the death localism of every sort.—Address of B. S. ANDERSON at *Chi Phi Convention*.

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### WHEN PANSY PLAYS THE VIOLIN.

The lake is clear, the night is still,  
The moonlight on the water lies;  
We drop the oars and drift at will,  
Communing only with our eyes;  
At either side, as on we float,  
By drowsy islands dimly scanned,  
The water-lilies fringe the boat  
Like sails blown out of fairyland:—  
Ah, then the discord and the din  
That haunts the heart are hushed within,  
When Pansy plays the violin.

When Pansy plays the violin,  
As o'er the wooing waves we go,  
Beneath her coyly-drooping chin  
There lies a bank of sleeping snow

Half-hidden by the instrument  
That rapturously poises there,  
And whispers its divine content  
In many a sweet, enchanting air:—  
How quick the cares of life begin  
To fade, as we float out and in,  
When Pansy plays the violin!

Fleet after fleet of lilies swim  
Along our wake, as on and on  
We drift against the purple rim  
Of midnight, till the moon is gone;  
O eyes of blue, and hair of gold,  
And carven lips up-curved to kiss!  
The world is old, and time is old,  
But, somehow, true-love never is:—  
And Cupid, cunning harlequin,  
Too well he knows his wiles will win,  
When Pansy plays the violin.

—JAMES NEWTON MATTHEWS in *The Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Died at his home in DeKalb Junction, N. Y., Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1895, William Sayer, in the twenty-first year of his age.

Brother Sayer entered the class of '98 at St. Lawrence University, but early in the fall failing health compelled him to withdraw. In the spring we saw with much sorrow that the dread disease, consumption, had fastened itself upon him. So wasted and worn did he become that we hardly recognized in that thin, shrunken figure of him who lay still in death the William Sayer of college life, seemingly robust and healthy. We had known him as a student at the High School and our closer acquaintance with him in fraternity life convinced us that he was worthy to wear the Maltese Cross. William T. Sayer was a Christian gentleman.

We can not withhold this simple tribute to his memory. Less could not with truth be said. A more elaborate eulogium would be distasteful to him. He would accept this. We will not say a life of large usefulness was before him. It is before him and we doubt not he is continuing his course in the land beyond with the same simple faithfulness to duty which characterized his earthly career.

Earnest, sincere, manly, we have missed and shall miss his genial presence and helpful counsel in our chapter life.

We extend to the sorrowing family our heartfelt sympathy.

May the God in whom he trusted be their comfort and consolation in their bereavement.

Let this notice be spread upon the minutes of our chapter, a copy be sent to the family of our departed brother, and a copy to the *PALM, Laurentian, Plaindealer and Commercial Advertiser*.

C. W. APPLETON,	} Committee for New	
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W. H. MURRAY,		

## OBITER DICTA.

We learn from Bro. Emmet J. Murphy, who is practicing law successfully at No. 231 Broadway, New York City, that there is a great likelihood that the strong New York Alumni Association will soon succeed in establishing a chapter of Alpha Tau Omega in New York City, which will be practically a revival of old New York Alpha Lambda. This is something which would greatly please every brother, because every one must realize that whatever the New York Alumni Association does will be done conservatively and well.

In this connection, it may be interesting to review some facts in regard to the history of New York Alpha Lambda. This chapter was founded at Columbia College on Nov. 25th, 1881, by Bro. Otis A. Glazebrook, with five charter members. The first correspondent was John T. Beckett, and C. F. Pearis, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was the delegate to the Congress of 1882 at Washington. The chapter had a hard struggle for existence and was never numerically strong, although the members were very enthusiastic and loyal. It soon became extinct, owing to the unfavorable circumstances under which it existed, the brothers living in different parts of the city, and having little opportunity to devote the necessary time to the work of building up the chapter, or even becoming intimately acquainted with one another.

In 1890, through the efforts of Brother Murphy and Bro. W. J. Woods, who is also now practicing in New York City, the chapter was revived, and was represented at the Richmond Congress of that year by that other sterling Alpha Tau, than whom no more loyal brother exists, Edward Lyle, now a successful lawyer of Roanoke, Va., and a member of the PALM's Legal League. The chapter soon had thirteen active and enthusiastic members, and a successful career seemed assured. Whether due to the baneful influence of the tra-



ditionally unlucky number or to causes connected with the college history, the prosperity of revived Alpha Lambda was not long-lived, and the chapter had again become extinct, to all intents and purposes, at the date of the Nashville Congress. We understand that the decline of the chapter's fortunes was really due to the fact that nearly all the members were students in the Columbia College Law School, and, when dissensions arose in the faculty of that institution, the brothers followed the professors who left the college to found a new law school. A professional school is not the proper place for a chapter of a general fraternity, because the students are not associated in quite the same manner as in regular college courses, and college spirit is not so strongly developed. It was perhaps on this account that New York Alpha Lambda became extinct a second time. We trust that in the near future she may be revived again and that a prosperous and glorious history yet awaits her. We feel sure that if this hope should be realized, no prouder privilege could be conferred on the members of the new chapter than that of calling such noble Alpha Taus as Woods, Murphy, Young, Lyle and their fellows, brothers.

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It is said that college fraternities had considerable to do with the successful career of President Chester A. Arthur, who, we believe, was a member of Alpha Delta Phi. At any rate, he was always a loyal fraternity man, and many other equally prominent public men have been enthusiastic members of Greek-letter societies.

According to the *Chicago Evening Post* of October 3, the students and faculty of Northwestern University propose to test the strength of fraternity influence on prominent officials at Washington, to modify the rule that members of life-saving crews shall not take part in football games, the object being to obtain a special dispensation in favor of Captain Van Doozer, probably their best player. They are encouraged by the lively interest in Sigma Alpha Epsilon shown by Governor McKinley on his visit last June. Sigma Chi has a strong chapter at Northwestern, and it is well known that President Cleveland is a member of that fraternity, as is also Van Doozer.

The Secretary of War, Daniel Lamont, is a Delta Upsilon, and

Postmaster-General Wilson and Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle are both members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, while Vice-President Stevenson is a Phi Delta Theta. A large proportion of the faculty of Northwestern are fraternity men, and it will be interesting to observe the effect of their appeal on their honored brothers at Washington.

[Since writing the above an arrangement has been made so that Captain Van Doozer may play by obtaining a substitute in the life-saving service, to which he will probably return after the football season. We are not advised whether or not fraternity influence was necessary to make this arrangement.]

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We have at last a report on the condition of the chapter known as New Jersey Alpha Kappa, from an Ohio brother who has taken pains to investigate. While it reveals a somewhat disappointing state of affairs, the truth is always better than uncertainty.

Our correspondent wrote in July last, stating that he used to see the boys at Stevens often last winter. The chapter then numbered seven good men. They held no meetings and added no new members during the year, and the chapter is now dead. Last year they had a house, but their membership decreased and they failed to get the men they desired, and so surrendered their house and became inactive. The chapter dies from their adherence to the motto, "Quality, not quantity." Four desirable men were elected last fall, but objections to the fraternity system on the part of parents and guardians kept them from joining. The Freshman class was small, containing little good fraternity material. The letter continues, "I regret to see our chapter at Stevens die. They were *men* in every sense, so far as I am able to learn, but were discouraged."

With our correspondent, we regret the death of the chapter at the Stevens Institute of Technology, but, if the situation is properly reported, the existence of a strong chapter there was out of the question. We must, however, take exception to the manner in

which the chapter was permitted to die. Seven good men could certainly have maintained a respectable organization, and could, at least, have kept the fraternity properly advised as to the condition of their chapter; but in this duty they utterly failed, and the above is the first information we have been able to obtain on the subject, after more than a year of effort. The members of the chapter have preserved an utter silence, and have ignored all communications. This has caused much inconvenience to the officers of the fraternity, and thrown an air of mystery about affairs at Stevens, which was altogether unnecessary. We reluctantly remove the name of New Jersey Alpha Kappa from our list of active chapters.

## FROM THE WORTHY GRAND CHIEF.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 6, 1895.

MY DEAR BROTHERS:—My last communication to you was through the July PALM, which I hope reached you while you were enjoying the rest and relaxation of your holiday. Now the time has come when I deem another communication apropos. Do not lose any time in organizing, but go to work at once to pick the right men from the Freshmen in your college. Every sign points to a larger number of students attending college this year than for some time, due, no doubt, to the general improvement throughout the country. There should be no reason, therefore, why your chapter should not secure her share of the available material. Of the few chapters already heard from, each one has assured me that they are either moving into larger and more commodious rooms, or are planning for a chapter-house, to be ready by October, or are enlarging the one they already have

This is the kind of news which I shall hope to hear all along the line. First of all, then, see that your surroundings are made comfortable, striving, at the same time, for permanent quarters, which means permanency of chapter. There are, also, one or two important suggestions which I wish to lay particular stress upon.

1. Remember that each member of your chapter *must* subscribe to the PALM.
2. That the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) must be sent immediately after an initiation to the W. G. K. E.
3. That the correspondent should by your by-laws be fined unless he sends a communication to each number of the PALM.
4. That all records, books, and other important papers should be carefully preserved.
5. That all communications from Grand Officers should be not



only read according to the Constitution but promptly answered.

I also hope that the individual chapters will do all in their power to be of assistance not only to the general officers of the fraternity but also to the weaker chapters in their immediate neighborhood.

If the above-mentioned rules are observed the Fraternity Directory will be completed at once, lack of funds having been the cause of delay.

With best wishes for your chapter and the individual brothers I remain very fraternally,

LARKIN W. GLAZEBROOK, M. D.,  
Worthy Grand Chief.

*Please see that the following questions are answered and mailed to me as soon as possible.*

L. W. GLAZEBROOK, W. G. C.,  
1403 New York Avenue.

Name of Chapter?.....  
Name and address of Worthy Master?.....  
Name and address of Correspondent?.....  
Number of brothers returned?.....  
Number of affiliates?.....  
Number of initiates?.....  
Number of PALMS subscribed to?.....  
Have you a Chapter-house; if not, where do you hold your meetings?.....  
What are your prospects for permanent quarters?.....  
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Are you indebted to the W. G. K. E. for initiation fees; if so, to what amount?.....  
What degree of fraternity spirit exists in your Chapter?.....  
What are your prospects for the coming year?.....  
What suggestions have you to make for the good of the Fraternity at large?.....

## PAN-HELLENISM AT ATLANTA.

### TO THE GREEK-LETTER MEN OF THE UNITED STATES:

GREETING:—In view of the fact that hundreds of graduates and undergraduates who are members of the different college fraternities will visit Atlanta during the Cotton States and International Exposition, it has been decided by the local members to arrange for a grand Pan-Hellenic Congress and Greek-Letter Day at the Exposition.

At a meeting of the Atlanta contingency, the eighteenth day of November was selected as the most suitable date for a Greek convclave.

About the general program, the following features of attractions have been agreed upon: In the morning from 10 to 1 o'clock will be the Congress in the auditorium at the Exposition grounds; speeches will be delivered by some of our most eloquent orators, and papers will be read by those who have given special study to fraternity issues and the general subject of Pan-Hellenism; in the afternoon from 3 o'clock to 5 there will be a great football game between the two leading teams of the South at that time; in the evening from 7:30 to 10:30 there will be a Greek play; at 10:30 begins the grand banquet, where at least eight hundred loyal Greeks will sit down to a royal feast.

All patriotic Greeks are most cordially invited to attend, and also to co-operate in the final perfection of this scheme for the promotion of good fellowship among the members of the various college fraternities. Those who expect to accept this invitation are requested to send in their names and addresses as soon as possible, together with the sum of \$3.00, which is the amount necessary to cover the costs of the banquet. All remittances must be made to Mr Henry W. Grady, 36 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Atlanta, Ga.

JOHN YOUNG GARLINGTON, Secretary.  
WM. W. DAVIES, Chairman.

ALFRED C. NEWELL,  
JAMES H. GARNSEY,  
SAM N. EVINS,  
HENRY W. GRADY,  
HUGH M. DORSEY.

## ALPHA TAU HEADQUARTERS AT ATLANTA.

The following circular letter is an evidence of the enterprise and enthusiasm of our Atlanta brothers:

DEAR BROTHER:—All members of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity who visit the Cotton States and International Exposition to be held in this city from September 18th to December 31st, 1895, are cordially invited to make room 312 Norcross Building their headquarters.

You will find there a complete register of the names of all Alpha Taus in the city. There will be also a register for visitors.

We will be glad for you to have your mail and telegrams sent there and do your writing there.

If we can furnish you any information in regard to the Exposition please command us.

We hope that hundreds of Alpha Taus from all over our country will be brought together in this way.

With fraternal wishes, we are

E. A. WERNER, Jr.,	}	Committee.
HARVEY PHILIPS,		
R. M. CRUMLEY,		
W. D. NASH,		

## EDITORIALS.

*There must be no misunderstanding this year in regard to the support of the PALM. Every active member must subscribe, as stated in the letter of the Worthy Grand Chief elsewhere in this number. This law has not been insisted on in the past, but this year it will be strictly enforced.*

Alpha Tau Omega was thirty years old on September 11th last. Just think of it! Doubtless the thought will bring home to some brothers very forcibly a realization of their long and faithful service, while to others it will bring a realization of the comparative youthfulness of our organization. All must feel what a wonderfully successful history has been that of Alpha Tau Omega. There is no more splendid record in the whole history of Greek-letter societies, yet we do not doubt that another decade will chronicle an even more splendid advance than all the past.

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We are firmly convinced that the college year which has just opened will be in every way a glorious one. From every chapter yet heard from the reports are highly encouraging. A vigorous life has been instilled into our westernmost chapter, California Beta Psi, and one of the best signs of this is the fact that the brothers at Stanford have obtained a commodious chapter-house, which we believe was formerly occupied by President David Starr Jordan, of that institution, as a residence. Our California brothers have begun a vigorous campaign, which cannot fail to produce good results.

From Texas Gamma Epsilon and Illinois Gamma Zeta, we learn that both these young chapters are comfortably housed, while the older chapters all report very favorably on their prospects.



It is always good, too, to make a good start, and it is therefore very gratifying to have these encouraging reports. We trust that the energy and enterprise which they indicate will continue throughout the year.

A satisfactory evidence of the enterprise of Texas Gamma Epsilon is the following circular invitation:

"TO ALPHA TAUS:—The 11th of September being the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of our noble order, Texas Gamma Epsilon, having just completed a handsome home, has decided that we will on that date open this home with ceremonies fitting to both occasions.

"She therefore sends to each and every Alpha Tau a cordial invitation to be present with us on this, the event of Alpha Tau Omega in Texas.

"Come and help us amuse 'Baby,' and we will promise that you will never regret the visit.

"Arouse that dormant spirit for Alpha Tau Omega and leave business for two or three days, and live over those 'good old days of yore.'

"Come and enjoy a feast of good things, both for mind and body. Come.

"BISHOP HOLMES (Tenn. Alpha Tau.)

"SHERMAN, Texas, August 26th, 1895."

We sincerely regret that it was not within our power to attend, and trust that a large number of brothers were able to assist at the celebration.

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Some brothers seem to have obtained the impression from the last PALM that the list of chapter reports given in same was intended to be exhaustive. This is not the case, and the editor thought he had made this plain. The list, however, did contain the names of all chapters whose reports had reached the editor at the date of writing.

We have since received copies of the reports of Ohio Beta Omega, Me. Gamma Alpha and Ohio Beta Mu, all of which, we are informed, were issued in due time. The latter is one of the most complete at hand.

We must entreat all brothers who can do so to contribute to the PALM as many original articles, verses, etc., as possible. We are particularly anxious to obtain interesting stories and anecdotes relating to fraternity incidents. We are also anxious to obtain as many good illustrations as possible. These can readily be obtained if our correspondents are alert. Colleges are always anxious to advertise and will willingly loan plates for use in connection with articles about their establishments. It is often possible also to obtain cuts of individuals and chapter groups, and correspondents should be sure to obtain all such for the PALM, as in this way the magazine will be made more attractive and interesting.

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Mr. Frank D. Swope, of Louisville, Ky., has favored us with a copy of the fourth edition of "Songs of Phi Delta Theta," in paper. There are forty-eight pages, without music, of songs suited to all occasions of fraternity life. We trust our brothers of Beta Theta will be able to report to the Cleveland Congress as good a compilation

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The October number of the *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon contains a very interesting review of the college annuals of last year. In a great many of the institutions represented Alpha Tau Omega figures, but we have not been favored with a single copy of an annual. We have no doubt that these interesting books contain much of interest to the fraternity at large, and much that might furnish good material for the PALM, and on this account we regret that we were not favored with copies by brothers connected with the board of editors.

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One of our correspondents has suggested that the advertising space of the PALM might be beneficially used by brothers who are not lawyers. He suggests that a league of teachers might be formed, and that brothers engaged in educational work might be assisted through the pages of the PALM. We do not know whether there is anything practical in this suggestion, but if there is, we shall be glad to receive any information on the subject, for a large number of our

alumni are teachers and instructors. The PALM is always anxious to assist brothers in every possible way.

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With this number appear indexes of Vols. XIII., XIV. and XV. of the PALM, which will, doubtless, be found of value to those brothers who preserve and bind their copies of the magazine. The index to Vol. XIII. should have appeared long ago, but was overlooked. As two volumes are generally bound in one, those of Vols. XIV. and XV. can be used together.

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Just before going to press, we are informed that Bro. Frank H. McGuire, of Richmond, Va., who has always been a loyal Alpha Tau, died some time ago.

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We are pleased to be able to present in this number groups of two of our youngest chapters, Indiana Gamma Gamma and California Beta Psi. They speak for themselves and make us long to know more of the individual members of these chapters.

We are always glad to obtain such illustrations as these, as they make the brothers better acquainted with one another.

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Alpha Tau brothers at Atlanta are very active, as the announcements of fraternity headquarters and of the Pan-Hellenic Congress elsewhere in this number prove. Bro. John Young Garlington is secretary, and Bro. Alfred C. Newell is a member of the committee on arrangements for Greek-Letter Day at the Exposition on November 18. We trust that all brothers will coöperate with them as much as possible.

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The Worthy Grand Chief advises us that many chapters were negligent in regard to their annual reports last year, and that none were received by him from Ga. Alpha Beta, Ga. Alpha Theta, Ga. Alpha Zeta, La. Beta Epsilon, Mich. Beta Kappa, N. C. Alpha Chi, Ohio Alpha Psi, Ohio Beta Mu, Ohio Beta Omega, S. C. Alpha Phi, S.

C. Beta Phi, Tenn. Beta Tau, Tenn. Lambda or Va. Delta, fourteen in all. The other twenty-nine chapters reported as required by the constitution. The others should be more careful in regard to the observance of express constitutional requirements in the future.

In this connection the Worthy Grand Chief desires us to urge on all chapters the necessity of attending promptly to communications from Grand Officers. Failure to do so very much increases the necessarily heavy burdens of his office. Do not let this matter be neglected. Answer letters from your fraternity officers as religiously as those from home.



## CHAPTER LETTERS. .

Nearly all chapter letters for this number were late, probably owing to the confusion naturally attending the opening of college. Letters for the next number should be on time.

Answer all communications from Grand Officers at once.

You must have a letter in each number of the PALM. Note the \$5.00 fine provided at Congress. It should contain all the news, but must be condensed as much as possible, on account of the large number of chapters.

Punctuate carefully, and write plainly. Be very particular about making the spelling of names legible.

Send in all the personals and clippings you can, separate from your chapter letter.

Follow the form of heading of letters as they appear in the PALM, giving merely the name of chapter, college and town. Dates and all other superfluous matter should be omitted. An observance of this rule will save the editor much time.

Owing to the large number of chapters, chapter letters must not exceed 500 words. Bear this in mind. Never write on both sides of the sheet for publication. Such matter must be rewritten before the printer will set it up.

See that your chapter's PALM dues are paid promptly in advance, for each active member. Every active member must subscribe for the PALM. This requirement must be strictly complied with. The next number will appear in the month of December, if possible, and chapter correspondents should send their letters so as to reach the editor by November 25th, at the latest.

Be a little careful about the use of superlatives and general boastfulness. Be enthusiastic, but not bombastic. Your fraternity is the best there is, and she does not need constant strained panegyrics. The men who write them very often fail to pay subscriptions after they leave college.

Be honest; be fair; be manly—in short, be an Alpha Tau in the full sense of the noble meaning of the name.

## ALABAMA ALPHA EPSILON, A. &amp; M. COLLEGE, AUBURN.

We are glad that it is again our privilege to extend our greetings at the opening of the session to our sister chapters.

We had a fine opening, for twelve old brothers returned and Brother Mason, of Alabama Beta Beta, and Brother Memminger, of Tennessee Omega, also joined us. We have initiated Brother Taylor, and are expecting to initiate two more soon.

The future prospects of our chapter are brilliant, for we own one of the finest lots in town and are going to erect a chapter house sure this session.

The following officers have been elected: Brothers Jackson, W. M., Borup W. C., Jones W. K. E., Bancroft, W. K. A., Warren, W. S., Mason, W. U., Memminger, W. S. Everything bids fair for them to make excellent officers.

We have always had a good standing in college and do not intend to fall short of the mark this year, but place our names where an Alpha Tau's should be. We have the following brothers now:

F. T. Jackson, '96	C. U. Jones, '97
G. D. Borup, '96	F. N. Scott, '97
M. J. Bancroft, '96	J. C. Warren, '97
H. S. Henderson, '96	W. Warren, '97
B. A. Taylor, '96	G. E. Mason, '98
A. H. Clark, '97	H. E. Memminger, '98
W. Leonard, '97	P. S. Mixon, '98
	W. L. Stewart, '98.

We close with good wishes for the fraternity at large.

H. S. HENDERSON, Cor.

## ALABAMA BETA BETA, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, GREENSBORO.

Alabama Beta Beta has commenced the work of another year with her characteristic enthusiasm.

But ten of the wearers of the Maltese Cross from last year's chapter returned this year. They are as follows: P. O. Thomas, W. M., J. E. Northcutt, W. C., I. W. Howard, W. K. E., T. M. Morris, W. K. A., A. Urquhart, W. S., T. F. Ormond, W. U., R. A. Tucker, W. S., J. P. Roberts, F. R. Peterson, and Robt. Chadwick.

Bro. C. A. Williams, of last year's chapters, spent several days with us at the opening of our session.

We have initiated seven men this year, and with pleasure we present to the fraternity at large Bros. C. S. Thomas, D. P. Slaughter, A. W. McCord, S. C. Newman, W. F. Ormond, J. L. Henry, and J. M. Ward.

We seriously regret the failure of Bros. W. F. Lagrone and George Stoves to return this session.

We lost four men last year by graduation and five of the members of the senior class of this session are Alpha Taus.

We received our shares of the honors of last year,—and already we have received some of the first honors of this year. Bro. A. Urquhart has been chosen by the Belles Lettres Literary Society as one of its representatives on the occasion of the annual challenge debate.

Bros. I. W. Howard, J. E. Northcutt and F. R. Peterson are on the editorial staff of the *Southern University Monthly*.

There are three other fraternities here, each of which has done good work this year.

With best wishes to all sister chapters and the PALM,

I. W. Howard, Correspondent.

ALABAMA BETA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, TUSCALOOSA.

Alabama Beta Delta again greets her sister chapters after a pleasant vacation. College opened October 2 with a larger attendance than for several years past. The old men who returned can well feel repaid for their efforts to enlarge our chapter. We have initiated four new men into the mysteries of the Alpha Tau Omega. The following old men are with us again: Brothers Godfrey, Drennen, Hayes, Hauser, White, W., Spratt, Head, Trimble, D., Trimble, J., and Pickens. The new men are: Bros. Griffin Lamkin, '97, of Jasper, Brett Brown and Walton Smith, of Birmingham, and Hubbard White, of Sumterville. All of the above are fine men and worthy wearers of the Maltese Cross. At present we have fourteen active members and we can truly say Beta Delta's prospect for the coming year is very bright. In our next letter we will have something to say of our honors and to tell where our brothers who were lost by graduation have settled.

With best wishes for the PALM and our sister chapters, we remain,

W. C. PICKENS, Correspondent.

CALIFORNIA BETA PSI, STANFORD UNIVERSITY, PALO ALTO.

California Beta Psi promised you last year that this fall would see her in a very much better condition than she has been in before, and she is quite able now to fulfill her promise.

At the beginning of this semester the chapter was not so strong as we hoped it would be, as Brother Painter found it impossible to return—and Brother Painter is a host in himself.

We are in our new home now—Escondita Cottage—and are the fortunate successors of President Harrison, Dr. David Starr Jordan and Walter Camp, who have occupied the house before us.

Brother Cade, Hicks, Ray, Jost and myself were all that returned to college, but we have initiated three new men: Mark Porter of Chicago and John Bride and Ralph Carr of San Francisco, and we hope to inform you of three or four more next month.

This is a bad year for the Frats. at Stanford, as the many false newspaper reports about the financial condition of the college have made men afraid to come here, and so we are lucky to have secured almost half of the really eligible freshmen already. Every fraternity here, except Phi Gamma Delta and ourselves, is badly crippled this year, and we fully realize that this is the chance to build up the chapter.

We regret to end such a cheerful letter with the announcement to the general fraternity that we have been forced to expel Edward W. Bannister from this chapter and from the fraternity, for conduct unbecoming a gentleman. With this single and unfortunate exception all is going smoothly, and, we think, points to the most successful year in this chapter's existence. Fraternally yours,  
WILLIAM A. GRAHAM.

GEORGIA BETA IOTA, SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY, ATLANTA.

It is with no little pleasure that Beta Iota again greets her sister chapters and extends to them a hearty "New Year's" greeting, this being our first opportunity of greeting them this school year.

Our sorrow and grief over the loss of our most worthy brother, Hal Rossman, is beyond expression. He was summoned to the presence of the Most Worthy Grand Master of the Universe on the twenty-eighth of August. No higher tribute can be paid any man than to say of him that he was a true and loyal Alpha Tau in every sense of the word, a loving and obedient son, a thorough Christian and a friend to every one that was in need of one. God saw fit to call him from us, so it must be for the best. But oh, how we miss him! Nevertheless we can say, "Thy will be done," in this our sore bereavement.

Ga. Beta Iota also regrets the irreparable loss of our Brothers McCall, Jessop and Clark by graduation, and Wallace, Meyer and Jornigan.

It affords us great pleasure to extend to all of our sister chapters a hearty invitation to the Cotton States and International Exposition that is in progress at this place at present, and we wish to assure all members of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity of a most cordial welcome to our headquarters and city in general.

The school opened this year with an attendance above the average. Beta Iota began with a strong force of workmen, but small in num-







GROUP OF INDIANA GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER.

bers. She has taken in Bros. William McCall, T. Fraser James and Henry C. Turner. There has been another chapter established here this term, Kappa Sigma. Beta Iota can hold her own though, now, as she has always done, and as the Alpha Tau fraternity does everywhere. Hoping to see representatives of all the sister chapters and that we may have the pleasure of greeting them as we know they would us, we leave you till we meet at the "Expo."

J. L. HUNTER, Correspondent.

ILLINOIS GAMMA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN.

The University of Illinois opened September 12 with an attendance of over one thousand students, a gain of about two hundred. The new machine shops are nearing completion and work will be commenced on the library as soon as possible. The first prize in the library competition was awarded to Architect Bolles, of Springfield, Ill. The building is to be of stone, fireproof, and with all modern improvements and conveniences.

We are obliged to retain our old rooms on Neil Street for the present, but expect to move into our new quarters as soon as they are ready for occupancy, which will be about December 1st. Then Gamma Zeta will have a house equaled by that of no other fraternity at the University of Illinois. Our active membership has been reduced to nine, but we are decidedly alive and will soon introduce to the fraternity six new men who will be a credit to Alpha Tau Omega.

We were honored this week by a visit from Bro. C. W. Noble, who rode from Chicago on his wheel, and the fatted calf was prepared for the slaughter. Brother Flanagan is in Chicago studying medicine; Brother Newcomer is also studying medicine with his father, Dr. J. W. Newcomer; Brothers Branch and Boyles have also left us, but may return in time to take the winter term's work. Bro. A. J. Helton, who was initiated last June, occupies the chair of W. C., left vacant by Brother Flanagan, while Brother Beekman is now W. S. in place of Brother Branch.

There is plenty of good material among the new students; so we can afford to be very careful in choosing men, and have every reason to believe that we will have a membership of over twenty by the beginning of the spring term. Prospects for a first-class eleven this year are good, while the track team shows a decided improvement.

We assure our sister chapters that we intend to make the university Alpha Tau Omega throughout, this year, girls and all, and wishing all chapters success, remain yours in the bonds,

MARK HAY, Acting Correspondent.

## INDIANA GAMMA GAMMA, ROSE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, TERRE HAUTE.

Indiana Gamma Gamma assembled this year with ten brothers, four of our last year's roll having been transferred to the alumni list, this being the first loss our chapter has sustained since its organization.

This year's entering class is unusually small and for this reason the prospects for greatly increasing our numbers from this source are not very encouraging. We are, however, glad to say that we have already added one brother to our chapter this year, having initiated Bro. W. C. Mason, '97, of Joliet, Ill.

We are all putting forth our best endeavors for the good of Alpha Tau Omega and for the advancement of Indiana Gamma Gamma. We hope that this may prove a most prosperous and successful year for the fraternity at large.

G. WILLINS, Jr., Cor.

## LOUISIANA BETA EPSILON, TULANE UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS.

Louisiana Beta Epsilon begins another year with seventeen active members, all of whom were present at the opening of the session, October 2nd.

Bro. Joe Elliott, an alumnus brother, who is as active as the most active of us when Alpha Tau is spoken of, returned last week from a summer course of law at the University of Virginia.

Alpha Tau Omega again goes halvers in the attentions of another brother who has decided to join in the ceremony of matrimony. This time it is Bro. Henry Rightor, who announces his engagement to one of the bright Sophie Newcomb graduates, our sister college.

Bro. Ned Rightor, of '95, will become a lawyer, in time. He is at present taking the University Law Course, and is also studying in the office of one of the best civil lawyers in Louisiana.

Bro. Chas. Burthe is trying for the 'Varsity football team, which promises to be the best Tulane has had in her whole career. Practice was begun with twenty candidates on the fifteenth of September, with Tulane's full-back of '95 as coach. With steady and hard work, more than half of the schedule games ought to be won by the end of the season.

Of the brothers who have returned to college one is pursuing the post-graduate course, three are in the senior, four in the junior, five in the sophomore, and four in the freshman class.

Bro. A. Welborn, of Beta Delta, has affiliated with Beta Epsilon and is taking the engineering course.

Bros. Sidney Eshleman and Henry Leverich are in business, "Sid" being a hardware "merchant" and Henry, a coming bank president. His position at present is that of "collection" clerk.



Owing to scarcity of news, Beta Epsilon's October letter will have to be brief; so she closes with sincere wishes for the prosperity of all her sister chapters.

R. E. DeBuys, Correspondent.

MAINE GAMMA ALPHA, COLBY UNIVERSITY, WATERVILLE.

It is with much pleasure that Gamma Alpha sends her best wishes to all her sister chapters through the PALM. The college year has just opened and promises to be a successful one. All the boys have not yet returned. Brothers Burton and Dyer are expected next week; so we shall have a working force of eleven men.

We lost by graduation Brother Waterhouse, who will be greatly missed. Brother Curtis will not return to college, as he has secured the principalship of Royalton Academy, Vt. Brother Stewart, who was out last term on account of sickness, will not return until winter and enter '99.

At our last commencement, Brother Waterhouse was prophet, while Brother Curtis was marshal of his class.

The entering class is smaller than last year, owing, no doubt, to the fact that President Whitman had resigned, and his successor, Dr. Butler, of Chicago University, was not elected until very recently. President Butler will enter upon his new duties January 1. Fishing by the different fraternities has begun in earnest, but not many men as yet have been pledged. Fraternally,

J. M. PIKE, Correspondent.

MICHIGAN ALPHA MU, ADRIAN COLLEGE, ADRIAN.

As we made no report in the last PALM, this letter will contain some commencement items.

In the field-day sports, which occurred during commencement week, our boys captured over half of the events and Bro. A. Steele won the gold medal awarded to the best athlete.

Bro. L. H. Richards was the only one of our members who graduated.

Among the pleasant memories of the past year is that of the Michigan State Convention and banquet, which was held with Beta Kappa at Hillsdale.

Adrian College opened the last week of September with most encouraging prospects, both for the institution and our fraternity.

During the first week we initiated Harry W. Baildey, '99, Wellsboro, Pa.; Frank M. Hays, '99, New Brighton, Pa., and Alex Steele, '99, East Liverpool, O. Our new brothers have been pledged for

over a year and so will prove most active members. This gives us an active membership of ten.

Dr. M. L. Jennings, professor of Greek, is to be initiated into Alpha Tau Omega during the coming week. We feel that he will be a strong addition to the chapter.

Of the brothers who failed to return this year, Brother Richards and Brother Rice are employed in the city. Brother Kimble has the principalship of the Manchester, Ohio, schools, and Bro. W. M. Hamilton is traveling in Kansas, but will be with us after the holidays.

Alpha Mu begins the year a strong chapter in every sense of the word. We have no debt, all is harmonious and the majority of college honors are held by our members.

In the matter of securing additions we pursue the conservative method, and as a result we initiate only the most desirable men in college.

Alpha Mu wishes a year of success for each of her sister chapters.  
GEO. H. HAMILTON, Correspondent.

NEW YORK ALPHA OMICRON, ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY, CANTON.

St. Lawrence University opened this fall the last Tuesday in September, a date later than usual, and hence our first regular meeting did not take place until the time all chapter letters were due. We trust that this number reaches you in time for publication in the October issue.

Very little can be said so early in the year, for as yet we are scarcely settled.

Eighteen brothers returned to resume college work. Two of our members did not return, Brother Foster having entered Syracuse University, and Brother Giffin, '95, who received the scholarship at the New York Law School. Brother Gammon, '98, has gone to Cornell and will affiliate with Beta Theta. In him our chapter loses a good worker.

We sincerely regret the loss of our loved brother, William Sayer, who died September 3rd. Brothers Murray, Howard, Partridge, Conkey, Stevenson and Woods attended his funeral.

There is good material in the entering class and our house is largely refitted and we hope to report the usual number of Alpha Tau Omega initiates as the result of our "spiking," in the next issue of the PALM.

With fraternal greetings, ERNEST ROBINSON, Correspondent.

NEW YORK BETA THETA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA.

After the summer's vacation our chapter reassembles with a mem-



bership of nineteen, and through the PALM sends greeting to Alpha Taus everywhere.

We are very glad to welcome to our numbers Bro. E. C. Keeler, of Michigan Beta Kappa, and Bro. J. H. Gamon, Jr., of New York Alpha Omicron.

Bro. W. R. Eckart, '95, has returned to the university for an advanced degree in engineering.

During the past summer Beta Theta has been well represented abroad; three of her members, Brothers Clinton, Bailey and W. C. Truman, having made the tour of England with the musical clubs, while Brother Cushman spent the summer traveling in Germany, and Brother Andrews in Southern Europe. The latter will spend the year in the American school at Athens.

Bro. Chas. Bliss, who held a position as instructor in the university during '93 and '94, has accepted a position in the Buffalo Analytical Laboratory.

Cornell's football season bids fair to be marked with great success, and Beta Theta is not wanting in her representatives on the grid-iron. Bro. Chas Rogers, who, during the summer was assistant-engineer on the American Liner, New York, has returned to the university and will fill his old position in the line, in spite of the strong competition by several very good men.

Brother Keeler is showing up very well indeed as half-back, and his weight combined with swiftness makes him a very promising candidate.

Brother Affeld, captain of next year's base-ball team, has a squad now practicing, and reports some excellent material and bright prospects for a strong team in the spring.

On the musical clubs the coming year, Beta Theta will be represented by Brother Clinton, leader of the Glee Club, and Brothers Bailey and W. C. Truman, of the Guitar and Mandolin clubs, respectively.

The university has so recently opened that class elections have not yet been held, nor appointments announced, but it is safe to predict that Beta Theta will receive her full quota of university honors.

F. R. BUMP, Correspondent.

#### OHIO ALPHA NU, MT. UNION COLLEGE, ALLIANCE.

Owing to the fitting up of our chapter house last year, we found it necessary to devote considerable attention to business matters. But this year we are reaping the reward of our work of last year. We have our chapter house in the hands of one of our brothers, H. Johns, whose business it is to look after all business matters pertaining to the house, while the remainder of the boys who room at

the house enjoy home privileges such as cannot be secured elsewhere during college life.

Brother Dufford has returned to remain the entire year. He has been teaching for the past two years.

Brothers Hart and Ake have entered the law department of the University of Michigan. These young men were very popular during their active membership in the chapter and will be greatly missed.

Bro. H. A. March takes Brother Hart's place as city editor of the *Alliance Daily Critic* and rooms with us at the chapter house.

The souvenir which has been mentioned in previous letters will be out in a short time. It has proved an arduous task, but, aside from the souvenir itself, it has enabled us to come in closer touch with our alumni members and cannot fail to do us much good along that line.

Two new members have been initiated into the mysteries of Alpha Tau Omega this year, R. V. Stratton and Clement Chandler. Brother Stratton is a young man of rare musical ability and at present has charge of the choral class of the college. Brother Chandler will be with us during his entire course without being out a single term. This, we believe, is an important consideration in connection with the election of new men.

On September 11th, the boys gave a social in honor of the founding of the fraternity at Richmond, Va., September 11, 1865, and about fifteen couples were present. The invitations announced its being "very informal," which feature led to its being an evening of thorough enjoyment. A very pleasant feature of the evening was a conversational contest, in which each lady was given a subject for conversation and each gentleman was given a short time to converse with her on that subject. After each one had an opportunity to show his skill in conversation a vote was taken by the ladies and gentlemen, respectively. The lady and gentleman receiving the largest number of votes were given handsome prizes.

Bro. John H. Vincent gave us a pleasant visit on Commencement week and gave us a splendid address, which was a source of much encouragement to us for the beginning of a new year.

D. J. BOONE, Correspondent.

OHIO BETA ETA, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, DELAWARE.

It is with feelings of great pleasure that Ohio Beta Eta again greets the Alpha Tau Omega world through our PALM.

Never before in the history of our nine-year-old chapter have our prospects been so bright as they are now, at the beginning of this fall term.

We lost three excellent men by graduation, viz.: Bro. J. F. Chenoweth, who now attends Boston University, Bro. A. A. Henderson, who is taking the Civil Engineering course at O. S. U., and Bro. E. W. Griffiths, who is now engaged at our own conservatory of music. Brother Griffiths still keeps up an interest in our chapter, however, and his influence is helpful. At present our chapter numbers twelve initiates and seven pledged men. This places us in the van of chapters now in the O. W. U. We are looked upon as conservative in policy and symmetrical in character.

Bro. W. R. Bass is the president of the Ohio State Alpha Tau Omega Association. The next meeting of this body will be held here next February. Brother Bass is also the editor-in-chief of the *College Transcript*, our only weekly paper, and plays half-back on the 'Varsity eleven.

Brother Payson is manager of the Sophomore football team.

Mr. Harry Bass, one of our pledged men, is manager of the Freshman team.

Brother Pearson is vice-president and secretary of the College Athletic Association. We have four men on the college glee club.

All our men maintain high standards of scholarship, and yet we are recognized social leaders.

We contemplate the securing of a new and more commodious chapter hall, and hope if our present plans are carried out to greet the next PALM from its precincts.

We enjoy being in close touch with our ex-W. G. C. Shives, as his advice and good cheer are always helpful.

Ohio Beta Eta always has her "latch string out" for all brothers who may chance to pass our way, and we should be glad to welcome any of our grand officers at any time.

WALTER B. PEARSON, Correspondent.

#### OHIO BETA MU, UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER, WOOSTER.

Ohio Beta Mu begins the new year with all of last year's members in school except three. Brother Rawson has now affiliated with Beta Omega; Bro. C. H. Hay is in business in Creston, Ohio, and Brother Conant is at his home in Plainfield, Ill.

From the many new men the following have pledged themselves to Alpha Tau Omega:

Walter Scott, '98,	Findlay, O.
Harry B. Kirtland, '99,	Plymouth, O.
Clarence H. Winaus, '99,	Galion, O.
John Henderson, '99,	Logan, O.

In the elections for class officers Alpha Tau Omega has secured a

goodly number, and will be represented equally well on the athletic teams. Beta Mu has lately enjoyed a visit from Bro. E. J. Shives.

Wooster has had a most successful opening, more new men being enrolled than ever before.

Beta Mu starts with good prospects for a prosperous year. With best wishes to the PALM and to sister chapters,

HOWARD D. PRITCHARD, Correspondent.

OHIO BETA OMEGA, STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS.

Ohio Beta Omega extends a hearty greeting to all her sister chapters and wishes them a renewal of the prosperity they have enjoyed in the past. We have fifteen men on our chapter roll this year, as follows:

Reed H. Game, '96; Fred Mundhenk, '96; W. E. Matson, '96; H. S. Carr, '96; F. M. Fritchlee, '96; H. M. Henderson, '97; D. W. Rawson, '97; W. B. Kirkpatrick, '97; Quintin R. Lane, '98; John T. Evans, '98; Lemar Sternberger, '98; Roy Wildermuth, '98; Walter S. Snyder, '98; John W. Powell, '99, and Stanley H. McKee, '99.

We take pleasure in introducing our two initiates this year, Brothers Powell and McKee. Brothers Henderson and Fritchlee are affiliates from Ohia Beta Eta, at Delaware. Brother Rawson comes to us from Ohio Beta Mu, Wooster.

All of the undergraduate men of the chapter last year are back this year, with the exception of Brothers King and Clover. Brother King is reading law in Akron, O., and Brother Clover is instructor in an academy near Lancaster, Ohio.

Brother Radcliffe, '95, is professor of History and Political Science in the Wisconsin State Normal.

Brother Brandts, '95, is superintendent of the Canal Winchester (O.) schools.

Brother Rightmire, '95, is instructor in Latin and Civics in the Columbus (O.) high school.

Brothers Dole and Atwood, of N. Y. Beta Theta, gave their brothers here a pleasant visit while in the city recently.

Bro. Morgan E. Williams, ex-'96, and Bro. E. H. Porter, '94, paid the chapter a visit last week. Brother Porter is now in the employ of the Fort Wayne Electric Company.

The struggle for college honors among the fraternity men this year has been an excessively earnest one. We are glad to say that Alpha Tau Omega has received her share of the honors. We have three pledged men whom we expect to initiate soon.

The attendance at the university this year far exceeds that of any



other year in her history. Dr. Canfield, our new president, has become a universal favorite with the student body.

W. B. KIRKPATRICK, Correspondent.

OHIO BETA RHO, MARIETTA COLLEGE, MARIETTA.

Ohio Beta Rho extends greeting to all her sister chapters in Alpha Tau. Although we lost but one man by graduation last spring, only five of our eleven men have returned to college.

Our outlook for new men is not as bright as it might be. The members of the incoming freshman class are, in general, not such men as we want. However, there are two or three men in the class whom we are watching.

Bro. J. W. Crooks is not in school at present, but expects to be with us in a few weeks.

Brother J. L. Lehnhard has accepted a position with the First National Bank of Marietta.

We will be represented in the college glee club by Brothers Sugden, A. D. Sloan, and Crooks. We will also be represented on the football team. At the recent class elections we secured a full share of the offices.

Athletic prospects are much brighter at Marietta than they have been for a long time. We hope soon to erect a new gymnasium.

The faculty and friends of the college are beginning to see the need of it.

We are in receipt of a letter from D. Edgar Morgan. He is attending Oberlin College this winter, but we hope to have him with us next year.

We wish our sister chapters a successful year and hope to do our share for the good of Alpha Tau Omega.

F. BROWNING MCKINNEY, Correspondent.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA IOTA, MUHLENBERG COLLEGE, ALLENTOWN.

September 5th found all the brothers back except Brother Lantz '96, who expects to devote a year to the study of music, and who has accepted a position as organist in a church at Easton, Pa., and Brother Mantz, '98, who expects to take up the study of medicine. Brother Sant, who graduated in June, has rejoined us, accepting the position of principal of a high school at Caplay, a town connected by trolley with Allentown.

The opening of the college augurs well for a good year. We are happy to be able to introduce to the brothers of Alpha Tau Omega our latest initiates, Brothers Luther and Nathan Fritch, both of

whom were pledged during last year, and we are confident that they will make worthy wearers of the cross. Our present number is thirteen and we are conducting the chapter on a strictly conservative basis and, although there is some very good material on hand, we prefer to wait until we are sure that what we choose is absolutely suitable. At present we have no rivals, although Phi Gamma Delta is making a great effort to regain her charter; we hope she will be successful, as it is a conceded fact that the success of any chapter is always augmented by the presence of a rival.

In college politics we, more than ever, hold our own; Brothers Stein, Kuhl and Sykes, being editors of our college annual, *The Ciarla*. Brothers Kuhl and Sykes are also on the staff of our college magazine, *The Muhlenberg*. Brothers Henry and Schindel wield the gavel in our two literary societies.

Hoping all our sister chapters may enjoy the same measure of prosperity and with best wishes for the PALM, we remain,

JERE J. SCHINDEL, Correspondent.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA UPSILON, GETTYSBURG COLLEGE, GETTYSBURG.

The chapter has again been reunited after several months of pleasant vacation. Although our number has fallen to six active members, our prospects are very bright, as we have a large Freshman class and the material for fraternity work is better than it has been for some years. With feelings of regret we heard on our return to college that Bro. Melvyn P. Buck, '98, would not be with us as he decided to enter Ohio Wesleyan University. We recommend him to the chapter there as a good student and a loyal Alpha Tau. On the evening of September 25th we held our first initiation of this collegiate year, and I take pleasure in presenting to the fraternity Bro. Ralph E. Smith, '98. We hope in a few weeks to initiate several men, as we have two pledged already. With best wishes to our sister chapters and the PALM. WHITE HUTTON, Correspondent.

#### PENNSYLVANIA TAU, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

The new year has dawned upon Pennsylvania Tau with a very encouraging outlook. With the old members and an unlimited number of men to choose from, we anticipate the most successful year in the history of the chapter.

We graduated nine men last year, who are filling various positions.

Brother Barrios departed for his home in Central America September 20, 1895.

Brother Silva is in Paris pursuing a further course in medicine.

Brother Minnig is attending college in Boston.

Brother Dunbar, of Brooklyn, is paying us a visit.

We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large, Brothers Watt, of Brooklyn, and Rose, of Sharon, Pa.

Our old trouble in filling the chapter house is a thing of the past, as we have our large chapter house filled to the utmost.

With best wishes to sister chapters from Pennsylvania Tau.

H. S. VANKIRK, Cor.

RHODE ISLAND GAMMA DELTA, BROWN UNIVERSITY, PROVIDENCE.

Brown University opened Wednesday, September 18th, with an entering class of nearly two hundred and fifty, the largest in her history. The teaching force has been greatly increased, and all indications point to the most successful year in the history of the institution.

All the fraternities at Brown are pursuing their work with unwonted zeal. Alpha Tau Omega has not been backward. We have pledged to us now Mr. Geo. GoulJing, '99, of the Providence High School, who gives promise of high scholarship and fine social abilities; Mr. J. T. Carey, '99, of Exeter Academy, who will add to our strength along athletic lines, and Mr. Geo. W. David, '99, who will be a good worker for Alpha Tau Omega.

We have moved into our fraternity house on George Street, adjoining the college grounds. Here twelve of the boys have rooms, and here, also, are the fraternity headquarters. We extend a cordial invitation to all visiting brothers to give us a call.

The fraternity is starting a dining club, which we anticipate will strengthen us as well as furnish opportunities for pleasant social intercourse.

In college organizations, we are beginning the year with a good representation. We have men in the Cammarian club, the senior honorary society, and representatives upon the glee and banjo clubs, the 'Varsity eleven, and the various class teams, and upon the athletic team.

Wishing success to all the sister chapters, we close.

C. P. NOTT, Correspondent.

TENNESSEE ALPHA TAU, S. W. P. UNIVERSITY, CLARKSVILLE.

After a most enjoyable vacation of three months, eight brothers out of a chapter of eleven last term have returned to renew their work in the institution and to hold the standard of our beloved fraternity up to that high position which it has so long occupied.

Brother Bearden is now reading law at home with the expectation of entering the Law School at Lebanon, Tenn. Bro. W. L. Caldwell has accepted a call to the Second Presbyterian Church of Memphis Tenn.; Bro J. E. Green, W. G. K. A., is now in charge of the Presbyterian churches in Dardanelle and Russellville, Ark.

Our chapter is in an excellent condition financially. We have a nice hall and are completely out of debt. A very enthusiastic fraternity spirit pervades our membership.

We had our share of the honors last year and hope to get the same this term. The new material is good this year and we hope soon to be able to introduce the names of several new brothers. The present roll of our chapter is as follows:

Ginder Abbott, W. Cor., '97  
W. G. Anderson, W. S., '97  
H. S. Caldwell, W. M., '96  
J. F. Deaderick, W. Sen., '96  
B. E. Leland, W. U., '97  
H. B. Searight, W. C., '98  
T. B. Wade, '97  
W. L. Wilhoite, W. K. S., '96  
W. A. Quarles, W. K. E., '96.

We wish all our sister chapters a most successful year. Yours in the bond of Alpha Tau Omega,

GINDER ABBOTT, Correspondent.

TENNESSEE BETA PI, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE.

Another scholastic year has begun and promises to be the most successful in the history of Beta Pi chapter.

During former years we have had no fixed place of meeting, but last year we decided to have a home, and to that end rented two large rooms which Brothers Welburn, Cave and J. D. Trawick fitted up during the summer. In furnishing our rooms we received liberal aid from our city alumni.

Only eleven of last year's chapter returned this year. They are: Bros. A. M. Trawick, J. D. Trawick, Cave, Ansley, Snyder, Douglass, Welburn, Cobb, Clement, Werlein and Sumpter. The others have not returned for various reasons. Brothers Hunter and Turner are conducting a very promising training school at Bridgeport, Ala.; Bros. R. E. L. and J. C. Saner and Brother McKenzie are attending the university of Texas; and Brothers Williams and Irion are teaching this year.

We have learned of the marriage last summer of Brother Hunter, and take this opportunity of wishing him a long and happy life.



We are very fortunate in having with us this year, Brothers Turner, C. B. Huiet, C. C. Jarrell and J. D. Parks, of Alpha Theta chapter, at Emory College, Ga. Brothers Jarrell and Parks are taking the Theological course. Brother Huiet is taking the Law course and is private secretary to Chancellor Kirkland.

Since the opening of the university we have initiated into the mysteries of our brotherhood, six of the most promising new men at the university. I take pleasure in introducing them to the fraternity world:

Brother Stephens, of Tennessee; Brother Dorublaser, of Kansas; Brother Reece, of Georgia; Brother Pointer, of Kentucky; Brother Wise, of Louisiana; and Brother Cartwright, of Virginia.

Brother Stephens is trying for the football team and several others are trying for positions on the glee club. No selections have as yet been made, but the chances for our brothers are promising.

Beta Pi chapter sends greeting to all other chapters of our brotherhood and wishes them a prosperous year.

WILLIAM EDWARDS DOUGLAS, Correspondent.

#### TENNESSEE OMEGA, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, SEWANEE.

Tennessee Omega has lost this year three brothers: Brother A. H. Woodward, one of our delegates to the last Congress, left in July, intending to attend the Massachusetts School of Technology this fall; Bro. J. W. C. Johnson, familiar to the readers of the PALM as our correspondent for the last few years, has entered upon his life-work in the diocese of South Carolina; Bro. W. C. Robertson, B. A., '95, has gone North to enter the General Theological Seminary. These men were brothers loyal and true, and their loss will be deeply felt by the chapter.

This term we have initiated four men and it is with pleasure that we introduce them to the fraternity: Bros. Frank Richmond Kimbrough, of Clarksville, Tenn., and Henry Edmund Memminger of Charleston, S. C., were taken in shortly after their graduation from the Grammar School. Three weeks later, with the assistance of the Alpha Tau Omega goat, one of the noblest of his species, Bros. George Freeland Peter, of Georgetown, D. C., and Emmet Craig, of New Orleans, La., were put through in royal style. After the initiation the chapter enjoyed a spread, which had been provided by one of the most enthusiastic of our fair adherents.

We have welcomed as affiliates Bros. W. A. Peterson, of Ga. Beta Rho chapter, a recent graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, who takes command of the cadet corps in the Grammar School, and Bro. J. F. Matthews, of Ala. Alpha Epsilon.

On the evening of August 14th, the chapter was entertained at dinner by Bros. W. W. and H. E. Memminger. Twenty-five loyal Alpha Tau Omegas were present. We had a regular Alpha Tau Omega time and it will be long before the pleasure of that evening will pass from our memories. We can only regret that both of the hosts leave us this fall to pursue their studies elsewhere. Bro. W. W. Memminger will study dramatic art in New York and "He" will enter Auburn.

The addition to the chapter house has been completed. It consists of a large hall and a basement below for bath and store rooms. It has been built in conformity with the rest of the house and adds greatly to the effect. The woodwork is now receiving a coat of paint and soon will be arrayed in a new dress.

Bro. R. F. McMillan is manager of this season's football team and Bro. F. R. Kimbrough is known to fame as the "Artist" of the '95 *Cap and Gown*.

Tennessee Omega sends greeting to her sister chapters and wishes them all success during the spiking season.

WM. HENDERSON, JR., Correspondent.

#### TEXAS GAMMA EPSILON, AUSTIN COLLEGE, SHERMAN

Texas Gamma Epsilon, although one of the "Babies," is happy to state that she has just completed and moved into her new chapter house, and with the new year starts out with increased enthusiasm and love for Alpha Tau Omega.

We lost five of our charter members by graduation and we are sorry to report that Bros. O. C. Kirven, Geo. W. Mitchell and Martin B. Walcott have found it impossible to be with us. They were all staunch Alpha Taus and we shall miss them very much.

The chapter has enjoyed, in the last two or three weeks, delightful visits from Bros. Geo. C. F. Butte and Sam J. McFarland, both of the class of '95. They are anxious that Texas should have an Alumni Association and they will do all in their power to perfect its organization at the Dallas Fair in October.

We have plenty of good material from which to choose this year, and we shall try to select men who will be worthy wearers of the Maltese Cross.

A friendly spirit exists between the Greek-letter men of our college, and the rivalry, while at times very sharp, as a general thing is all in a pleasant way.

The work on the addition to the college is progressing finely and it will soon be completed and ready for occupancy. Yours in the bonds of Alpha Tau Omega fellowship,

WILLIAM A. VINSON, Correspondent.

## VIRGINIA BETA, WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY, LEXINGTON.

Our institution opened on September 12 with very promising prospects. The athletic advantages have been very much improved by the expenditure of \$3,000 on our new athletic grounds.

At our first meeting, only three old members were here to answer the roll call, viz., Bros. C. Cabell Tutwiler, D. M. Hammat and J. Sam Slicer, Jr. We sustain a great loss by not having with us this year Bro. Wm. A. Bell and N. P. Bryan, who completed their course in the law department last June.

We have just moved into a new hall, which is comfortably and nicely fixed with additional new furniture.

So far only one new man wears the Maltese Cross, Bro. Samuel Garland Hamner, who is a model Alpha Tau, but we have others in view. We are working hard and hope to build up a nice, large chapter before the year closes. Owing to the large number of chapters as compared with the number of students, none of them are very large, ranging from four to ten men.

Among the college honors Brother Tutwiler is business manager of our college magazines and Brother Slicer is a member of the glee club.

J. SAM SLICER, JR., Correspondent.

## VIRGINIA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, CHARLOTTESVILLE.

Conscious of being slightly behindhand in correspondence, Virginia Delta desires to propitiate the PALM and Alpha Tau Omega in general by her fine lot of initiates upon which she prides herself. By hard and constant work we have brought into the fold the following: Francis H. Abbot, Bellevue, Va., Z. N. Estis, Memphis, Tenn., Leigh Gordon, Norfolk, Va., Wallington Hardy, Norfolk, Va., Toney Johnston, Birmingham, Ala., Marion F. McCranie, Homer, La. Besides these the following have affiliated: Bro. L. B. Fitzhugh, of N. C. Alpha Eta, Bro. S. H. Hawkins, of Ga. Alpha Zeta, and Bro. E. A. Henneberger, of Va. Beta Sigma.

Of the chapter of '91-'95 ten have returned to college; so that we have a sum total of nineteen in the chapter this session.

The whole chapter mourns the loss of Bro. Harrison Randolph, who left us in June to fill the chair of Mathematics in the University of Arkansas. With best wishes for Alpha Tau Omega.

CHARLES M. ABBOT, Correspondent.

## VERMONT BETA ZETA, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT, BURLINGTON.

The month of October finds Beta Zeta, at the beginning of the collegiate year, comfortably established in new and commodious quar-

ters which compare favorably with any in town, and located in the business part of the city, fifteen minutes' walk from the college. We have initiated one man, W. T. Whelan, '98, whom we now introduce to the fraternity at large. Brother Whelan was elected by all the other societies of any consequence, is a member of the 'Varsity ball team and is generally popular. We already have three good men pledged this year and have several more in view, who will probably be initiated shortly. Although comparatively ice-olated among the polar bears and icebergs, we received calls this summer from Bros. "Bill" Pentz, of Ohio Alpha Nu, who evidently did not agree with our climate, as he negotiated a loan of divers cart wheels which he forthwith invested in a through ticket to the wild and woolly west, and Oliver A. Pope, of New Jersey Alpha Kappa, who was "doing" Vermont in the interests of Wm. Wood & Co. of New York. Our boys are filled this year with genuine Alpha Tau Omega enthusiasm and the future is bright. Brother Deberville, '95, takes his examinations for admission to the bar this month and will locate here.

Our quarters are at No. 100 Church Street, Burlington, where we are always at home to our visiting brothers.

N. D. BLAKE, Correspondent.



## OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Note carefully the following addresses of Grand Officers: Larkin W. Glazebrook, M. D., Worthy Grand Chief, 1403 New York Ave., Washington, D. C.; Zac Tolliver, W. G. K. E., Custom House, Nashville, Tenn.; James E. Green, W. G. K. A., Russellville, Ark.; N. Wiley Thomas, Ph. D., Chairman of High Council, Girard College, Philadelphia, Pa.; E. I. Renick, Worthy Grand Chancellor, Department of State, Washington, D. C.; Louis C. Ehle, Editor of PALM, 1111 Ashland Block, Chicago.

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Any one desiring to dispose of back numbers of the PALM, will please communicate with the editor. We shall also be glad to publish lists of numbers wanted by any brother.

Mail all communications intended for No. I., Vol. XVI., so as to reach the editor not later than November 25th. Matter received subsequent to that date will probably not be used.

Exchanges:—The PALM desires to exchange with all reputable fraternity magazines and those devoted to kindred interests, and requests that one copy each be sent to Prof. N. Wiley Thomas, Ph. D., Girard College, Philadelphia, Pa.; L. W. Glazebrook, M. D., 1403 New York Ave., Washington, D. C.; and Louis C. Ehle, 1111 Ashland Block, Chicago. Three copies will be sent in exchange to any address given.

This is the last number of Vol. XV. Many brothers and chapters are in arrears for this volume. This is asking too much of the editor. Please pay up at once.

Note that PALM address is now 1111 Ashland Block, Chicago.

## PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Bro. R. D. Hoyt, '94, Vt. Beta Zeta, is teaching at the New York Institute for the treatment of the deaf and dumb.

On the second of July last Bro. K. Sprague, '94, was married to Miss Julia Winnifred Parmenter at Waterbury, Vt. On July 31st Bro. Frank Grant Cudworth, '93, was also united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Margaretta Ferriss at Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, N. Y. Both grooms are members of Vt. Beta Zeta.

Bro. E. M. Stevens, '94, Vt. Beta Zeta, has accepted the professorship of Electrical Engineering at Norwich University.

Bro. A. K. Boltsford, '94, Vt. Beta Zeta, after a year's law course at Cornell, is located with his brother at Plattsburg, N. Y.

Bros. J. E. and Roy Simmons, Texas Gamma Epsilon, '95, are clerking in Mexia, Texas.

It is reported that Northern Kappa Alpha has declined to place a chapter at the University of Michigan. There are some strong chapters at this university, but the proportion of fraternity material seems to be very small.

Pi Beta Phi has entered Bucknell University, Pennsylvania, and University of Wisconsin.

Pi Kappa Psi has placed a strong chapter at the University of Nebraska, after some opposition within the fraternity.

Brother Bishop Holmes, Tennessee Alpha Tau and Texas Gamma Epsilon, '95, is in the insurance business at Sherman, Texas.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Kappa Alpha (Southern) have placed chapters at the University of California.

The minimum number of students necessary to obtain a chapter of Kappa Alpha (Southern) is sixty-five, that number having been agreed upon as a special favor to petitioners from Millsap's College, Miss. The editor of the *Journal* advocates a limit of one hundred, and wisely says, "If a college has not at least one hundred academic students, it is an unsafe place to live in, when viewed in the light of fraternity." Such a college is ordinarily no better than a high school.

The faculty and trustees of Emory and Henry College, Virginia, have requested the withdrawal of fraternities from that institution. There were only three represented there, viz., Kappa Alpha (Southern), Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Kappa Sigma.

Beta Theta Pi held her annual convention at the Chicago Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill., in the latter part of July. Bro. John C. Pugh, of Alabama, advocates a summer date for Alpha Tau Omega Congress.

The twenty-second Grand Chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity was held at Cincinnati, July 25, 26, 27.

Bro. C. F. Butte, Texas Gamma Epsilon, '95, is teaching Spanish and French at Garland, Texas.

Purdue University, located at Lafayette, Ind., was named after John Purdue, its founder, who gave to the institution \$150,000, and is now supported by legislative appropriations. It has a permanent endowment fund of \$340,000, an endowment of \$20,000 from the government and other property to the value of a little over half a million. It was there that the famous suit arose which settled the legal status of college fraternities. The only fraternities now represented there are Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

During the last year two munificent gifts have been made to colleges by those connected with their board of officers. Ex-Mayor Seth Low, President of Columbia College, gave \$1,000,000 to that institution, and Provost Harrison gave the University of Pennsylvania \$500,000, each being a memorial to the father of the donor.

Bro. L. W. Jones, '94, of Maine Gamma Alpha, has been elected principal of the Milbridge High School.

Bro. Wellington Hodgkins, '94, Maine Gamma Alpha, is principal of Stoughton, Mass., High School.

Bro. A. H. Berry, '94, Maine Gamma Alpha, has secured the position of teacher of sciences at Newburyport, Mass., High School.

Bro. L. E. Wolfe, of Ohio Beta Mu, desires us to announce that he can return to owner, upon satisfactory proof of ownership, a three-fourth inch Alpha Tau Omega badge, jeweled with diamonds (twenty in number), rubies and pearls. On the reverse side it is marked "Cora Caruthers, Dec. 20, 1890." The pin was found in a New York Pawnshop. Brother Wolfe may be addressed at West Lafayette, Ohio.

Bro. R. B. Miller, of North Carolina Alpha Delta, is in the Eastern Hospital at Goldsboro, N. C.

Bro. John K. Watkins is practicing law at Opelika, Ala., and is

considered one of the most energetic and able young attorneys of that place.

Bro. Sam J. MacFarland, Texas Gamma Epsilon, '95, is assistant cashier in the First National Bank of Ladonia, Texas.

Bro. Ernest H. Pratt, of Maine Gamma Alpha, is teaching at Springfield, Maine.

Bro. W. R. Eckart, Jr, M. E., New York Beta Theta, has returned to Cornell to pursue post-graduate work in Electrical Engineering.

Bro. W. S. Chandler, of Michigan Beta Kappa, is vice-president of the Fidelity & Storage Co., of Detroit, Mich., with offices at 27 and 29 Woodward Ave.

It is safe to say that of all the fraternities of rank and character, it is easier to secure a chapter from Kappa Alpha than from any similar organization.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

Bro. Joseph R. Robertson, Jr., is connected with the Ashpoo Phosphate Co., of Charleston, S. C., of which his father is president and treasurer. Brother Robertson has a warm spot in his heart for his fraternity and is always anxious to be of service to her.

Bro. Lawrence L. Gaillard has been connected with the United States Engineer's Office at Newport, R. I., during the past summer.

Bro. H. B. Worth, of North Carolina Alpha Delta, is with his father, W. H. Worth, who is state treasurer at Raleigh.

Invitations are out for the wedding of our Washington Congress poet, Rev. J. C. Smith, of Michigan Beta Kappa, which will occur at Reading, Mich., Oct. 23, and Miss Mabelle Anna Clisbe will officiate in the capacity of bride. All of the groom's Alpha Tau friends (and they are legion) will extend congratulations.

Bro. W. A. Cantrell, Tenn. Omega, formerly of Little Rock, Ark., is now located at Galveston, Tex., in the general freight office of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway.

Bro. I. A. Touet, of Mich. Alpha Mu. is a law student in the office of McIntire Bros. & Jamison, Osceola, Iowa

Bro. James E. Green, W. G. K. A, has removed from Batesville, Ark., to Russelville, in the same state, where he has taken charge of the Presbyterian church for the next twelve months. His address is now Lock Box 271, Russellville, Ark.

F. L. Oesch, of Ohio Alpha Nu, is now located at Powhatan Point, Ohio.

Bro. G. P. Deshler, of Ohio Beta Rho, is superintendent of schools at McConnellsville Ohio



Married, at Indianapolis, Ind., on Wednesday, Oct. 9th, Mary Edith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Fish, and Bro. Carl Edwin Hildebrand, of New York Beta Theta. At home Tuesdays after November 1st, at 949 North Meridian St., Indianapolis. On behalf of the fraternity the PALM extends sincerest best wishes to the young couple.

Bros. E. P. Lyon, of Chicago, and C. P. Nott, of Brown University, spent the summer at the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Holl, Mass.

Bro. C. H. Lyon (Beta Kappa) is employed in the lumber business at New Whatcom, Washington.

Bro. J. Wallace Schermerhorn (Beta Kappa) was married August 22 to Miss Maggie T. Ross. Mr. Schermerhorn is engaged in the banking business at Mayville, Mich.

Bro. C. H. Betts (Alpha Mu) resides at Savannah, N. Y., and is interested in politics. He is deputy clerk of the state assembly.

Bro. W. F. Tibbetts (Beta Kappa), professor of Latin in Hillsdale College, is pursuing a graduate course in the University of Chicago.

On the door of the Hillsdale chapter house is a plate with the inscription "A. T. O." A book agent called there recently and asked if "Mr. Ato" was at home.

The PALM, on behalf of the fraternity, extends heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stedman Fruman, of Owego, N. Y., married October 2nd, at the First Presbyterian Church of that city. Brother Truman is a well-known member of N. Y. Beta Theta, and Mrs. Truman was formerly Miss Laura Mercereau, a well-known society girl of Owego. They will be at home Tuesdays in November at 321 Front Street, Owego.

## CLIPPINGS.

### BRO. HAL ROSSMAN (GA BETA IOTA) DEAD.

We regret that lack of space prevents our quoting at length the beautiful and eloquent tribute in the *Greensboro' Herald-Journal* to Bro. Hal Rossman, whose untimely death occurred last summer. A portion is as follows:

It has never been our duty to chronicle a sadder death, or one more universally lamented by our community, than that of young Mr. Hal Rossman, which occurred at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin J. Rossman, in this city, last Sunday morning, a few minutes after 9 o'clock.

It was the ending of a young life full of promise, bright with laudable aspirations and ambitions, and crowned with the luster of a pure, upright and Christian character. It was the death of one who was carrying with him into dawning manhood the nobility of heart, the steadfastness of purpose, the true steel of commendable earnestness which were the leading traits of boyhood and youth—traits which had drawn to him the esteem of all our people and the firm affection of those closer friends brought into more intimate association.

It is sad for us to write of the death of such a model young man, and this same sadness pervades the entire community. Among the old, the middle-aged, the young, he was alike esteemed and beloved.

The sickness which only ended when his life ebbed away, was of considerable duration. While in Atlanta attending the Technological Institute, he had a short attack of fever. He seemed to rally from this and came home. He mingled with his companions, played with them in several games of ball, and appeared as well as ever. But the fever never relinquished its hold. Thirty-seven days previous to his death he had to yield and took his bed. From then until the end came, it was a fight between the fever on the one hand, and the most skilled medical attention, the untiring assistance of the mother, father, brother and aunt, the tenderest nursing and ministration of loving friends and the unbending will of the patient on the other. Day and night, during all these weeks, everything that skill or love could suggest was done to check the fever, but it baffled all, and during the entire time his temperature scarcely varied a hair's point,

ranging all the time above the hundred mark. Though growing weaker and weaker each moment and almost burning up under the scorching fever, he never complained or murmured, but patiently bore it all, fighting determinedly against the disease that was consuming him.

Ever during his illness, the hold which he had upon the hearts of our people was shown. Every day there were anxious friends who visited the house, tendering their assistance to nurse or aid in any way, or carrying some delicacy which they hoped might give him strength to overcome the disease; beautiful baskets of flowers were sent to encourage him and as an evidence that the hearts of our people were with him. Every family sought in some way to aid the patient or to relieve his dear ones from some of the care and wearying anxiety of nursing. The attendant physician was untiring, spending night after night at his bedside, and with his brother physician, whom he called in, used every skill which his profession suggested, to stop the fever. But all these loving ministrations were vain. On the bright Sabbath morning, while the bells were calling Christians to the worship of their Creator, his Saviour called him, and, with one hand upon his fluttering pulse and his eyes fixed lovingly and tenderly upon the dear ones weeping at his couch, he turned upon his side, and with a sigh—as if of relief that the burning fever had ceased—he fell gently asleep.

Hal had just entered his twentieth year, his nineteenth birthday having been in March last. He was naturally of a modest, retiring nature, but to those who knew him best he was the truest, brightest, firmest of friends. He possessed a fine mind, was studious and always stood at the head of his classes. He possessed a determined purpose, and there was no young man who was ever raised in this city who had nobler qualities, or who was purer, more consistent and upright in his walk. Words can pay but a feeble tribute to his high character. He impressed himself upon all, and it was the general impression of every one: "Hal Rossman was one of the brightest boys I ever knew." Among his companions he was a general favorite and his influence among them was ever exerted for good. In his death every citizen seemed to feel as if the loss was personal to them. Though quiet and reserved, he had twined himself, by his upright Christian demeanor, about the hearts of all. He was a consistent Christian in every sense of the expression.

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#### AN EXPERIENCED FRATERNITY MAN'S VIEW.

The writer, in his early days, was led to feel by the current edu-

cation of those days that a man could not be a man unless he was a Mason or Odd Fellow. After an experience of nearly thirty years in active life, and a membership of twenty-six years in one of these self-same societies, we are led to assert that a man can get far more real pleasure and companionship from his college fraternity membership than he can from the best secular society ever known. We can make every Theta Delta brother a companion in the nearest and truest sense. Every one who has belonged to the secular societies knows that this is not true of them. This condition of things should encourage every one to make the most of his society, both in and out of college. Membership is not only for college days. It is for life. If those who are now active members will believe this, and devote the money which they would spend in joining the secular societies, after leaving college, to the good old Theta Delta Chi, we would soon have the greatest fraternity on earth.—*Theta Delta Chi Shield.*

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#### POLITICS AND FRATERNITIES AT VIRGINIA.

The following is clipped from a fine article on the University of Virginia in the *Kappa Alpha Journal*:

Almost every year there is a "political" fight; one year it will be in the athletic association, another year there will be fighting all along the line.

Then it is that there are mysterious midnight caucuses and conferences, "hurrying to and fro," and marshaling of forces; there are then deals and counter-deals, and wire-pulling and scheming, and canvassing enough to out-Tammany Tammany. In these fights college usually splits up along fraternity lines, and at the dark hour of midnight one may hear, far up the dim arcades, the yells of Alpha Tau or "Deke," fiercely answered by Kappa Alpha or Beta Theta Pi at the other end of the arcades.

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#### HAZING IN A MISSOURI COLLEGE.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Sept. 30.—J. Turner Tucker, a new-comer at the State University, wanted to join the Sigma Nu fraternity, and was initiated last night. It was a plain case of hazing. First he was bound hand and foot and blindfolded and gagged. Then he was beaten with stuffed clubs for a while and was next put into a coffin for burial. The coffin was carried out and put in a spring wagon, and away the funeral train marched.



Finally the athletic grounds were reached, and he was buried.

Then he was taken out and stripped and thrown into a mud hole and then rolled in sand. Then he was kicked and induced by the plausible story of the leader of the gang to sing and dance. The hour was close to midnight, and he sang "Won't You Be My Sweet-heart?" and kept step as well as he could. Then he was hung up by the arms for a while, and was next taken to a haystack and given several rapid slides. Then he was branded with lighted cigarettes, ordered to dress, and about 2 A. M. was brought home.

An investigation has been ordered by the faculty, and it will go hard with the guilty ones.—*Chicago Times-Herald*, Oct. 1, 1895.

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#### COLLEGE THEATRICALS VS. FOOTBALL.

A feature in the life of Yale not quite so old nor so powerful as football, but which promises to be of more value to the public, is the Yale Joint Play, so called because it is performed by members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon and Psi Upsilon fraternities.

The origin of this Joint Play is rather curious. Several years ago, on account of an unlucky initiation, wherein a student lost his life, the faculty at Yale attempted to abolish these secret societies; but as their actual annihilation would have been a grief to the Sons of Eli, a scheme to perpetuate their life through theatrical representations was quickly evolved, the plan was approved by the faculty, and the proposed abolition of the societies was laid on the shelf.

There seems to be, however, one serious flaw in this plan, since it debars university men from active participation unless they have been lucky enough to be elected into one of these junior societies. Hence there is a strong faction in favor of voting for Alpha Delta Phi men as candidates for players next year. Such enlargement of the field for choice will doubtless be of great advantage.

The play this year, which was produced at the Hyperion Theater, New Haven, on May 13th and 14th, was a clever burlesque of the Napoleonic craze, entitled "Mr. Bonaparte."

The play was very heartily approved by the faculty, who saw the promise of genius in many of the lines, and who recognize the advantages derivable by students, from both a literary and dramatic standpoint, if plays composed by students become an annual feature of the university.

Certainly, in this way Yale can gain more fame and more favor with the thoughtful public than by pig-headedly chasing the pig-skin. The footlights are more fascinating than football. They are also more improving, for after such games no Hinkeys need to be vindicated. Indeed, all true lovers of Yale are hoping that her fac-

ulty will join hands with that of Harvard for the discouragement of all contests which tend to stimulate brutality in the players or spectators.—*Illustrated American*.

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#### BRO. HAMPSON GARY (VA. DELTA) ADMITTED.

Last Saturday afternoon in open court, Judge Felix J. McCord presiding, Hampson Gary applied for license to practice law. He was examined by the following committee appointed by the court: Hon. Cone Johnson, Judge Gordon Russell, Hon. Henry B. Marsh, Judge John M. Duncan, Stuart R. Smith, Esq., and Smith Johnson, Esq. Mr. Gary was successful, and license was granted him.

The D-R recalls when Mr. Gary's father, the late Captain F. N. Gary, was one of the great lawyers and scholars of the East Texas bar, and we sincerely hope the son will attain to what was the father's high place in the profession.—*Tyler (Tex.) Democrat-Reporter*.

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#### A CHI PHI DIFFICULTY.

The following is a clipping from the *Brunonian*, a student publication of Brown University. The resolutions were signed by all the members of the Brown chapter of Chi Phi, which for some time has had a misunderstanding with the general fraternity. There seems to be no objection to the withdrawal:—

*"To the College World:*

"WHEREAS, The Kappa Chapter of Chi Phi was founded at Brown University in 1872 by the secret Order of Chi Phi, and has existed to the present time under the original charter granted by that body; and

"WHEREAS, The secret Order of Chi Phi in 1874 united with the Southern Order of Chi Phi (so-called), and formed the Chi Phi fraternity; and

"WHEREAS, The Chi Phi fraternity has persisted in violating the rights of the Kappa Chapter, by seeking to withdraw its charter on grounds wholly unconstitutional and unjust, and by seeking to injure its good reputation; and

"WHEREAS, The Chi Phi fraternity has not only violated its own constitution but has sought to foist upon its chapters a standard totally opposed to the manly character and democratic spirit which our own alma mater has always inculcated; and,

"WHEREAS, The Kappa Chapter regards this standard as unworthy of itself and of Brown University; and,

"WHEREAS, The Chi Phi fraternity has utterly violated its oaths of obligations and agreements with the Kappa Chapter, and thus left this chapter free to act independently; and,

"WHEREAS, The alumni of Kappa Chapter have re-established the supreme organization of the secret Order of Chi Phi; be it

"*Resolved*, That the Kappa Chapter dissolve its connection with the Chi Phi fraternity, that it resume its allegiance to the secret Order of Chi Phi, and that it continue its existence as a chapter of that organization."





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